

LAWGIVER COLLAPSES!

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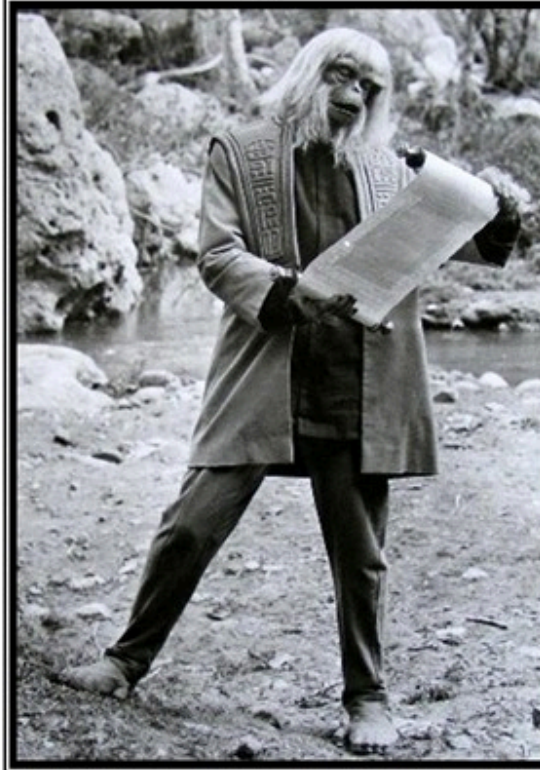
Caesar XVI Holding Vigil Over Sickbed

APE CITY - The Lawgiver is in a deep coma after falling ill earlier this week. Doctors hold little hope for the Orangutan's full recovery. King Caesar XVI rushed to the hospital upon hearing the news and refuses to leave the elder Ape's bedside. The Lawgiver has been the young monarch's most trusted advisor since he took the throne just three years ago.

The Lawgiver has served in that position for the past 58 years, longer than any other Simian to hold the high office, including Virgil.

Before his collapse, the Lawgiver was teaching a class of Chimp and Human school children. This was a favorite activity of his for the past 30 years, so much he did it at least twice a month. Two of the children in this class were Prince Lucius, Caesar XVI's younger son, and MacDonald's daughter, Mary. Although, despite their fathers' very close relationship, the two children had a minor altercation during the class when Lucius pulled Mary's pigtails and she pushed him down in retaliation. This occurred before the Lawgiver fell ill.

According to the Simian schoolmasters, the Lawgiver led the children to the shrine of Caesar the Great for a history lesson about the early years of Ape City. The lesson was said to be from the ancient scrolls recently found in a hidden vault in the Ministry of Science building. Most of these scrolls are still being studied by the National Academy and have not been released to the public. It is rumored that these scrolls



The Lawgiver teaching school children shortly before his collapse.

were written by Virgil, the very first Lawgiver.

It was when the Lawgiver was leading the children back to Ape City when he fell ill. Most of the other children panicked, but Prince Lucius and Mary MacDonald kept their heads and ran to get help. The elderly Ape was immediately rushed to the hospital. He was diagnosed as having suffered a massive stroke and is now being treated by the best doctors from the National Academy.

In the meantime, all of Ape City waits for news about our beloved Lawgiver.

ANOTHER CARAVAN FROM CENTRAL CITY ATTACKED BY MUTANTS

APE CITY - The latest caravan to travel from the colony of Central City was attacked by a band of Human Mutants during the long desert crossing in the south. This is the 4th caravan to be attacked this year.

For centuries, two caravans a month have been traveling back and forth between Ape and Central cities. These bands of Mutants were never more than an annoyance that posed no serious threat to our caravans for most of that time. However, for the last several years their attacks have grown in frequency and in ferocity.

Dr. Milo of the Ministry of Science, the leader of several expeditions to the wastelands, says he found many ancient stockpiles of food preserved in metal cans. He believes that the Mutants survived on these food supplies for centuries and now they are dwindling, and thus forcing the Mutants to seek new sources of food.

Despite the cause, many are demanding the High Council address this threat to the safety of the caravans before another leaves for Central City.

Mysterious Livestock Slaughter in Human Town

HUMAN TOWN - Human farmers have reported that several of their cows and chickens were killed by unknown intruders in the middle of the night. Nothing else was taken, but it appears that the animals were killed and then fed upon by some type of predator, or several predators.

Many of the Human farmers are very shaken since their livestock have never been attacked in this way ever before.

MacDonald, Leader of Human Town's Citizen's Council, has asked the Human Town garrison commander, Major Ursus, to conduct a full investigation.

THE LAWGIVER PRAISED AT MEMORIAL SERVICE

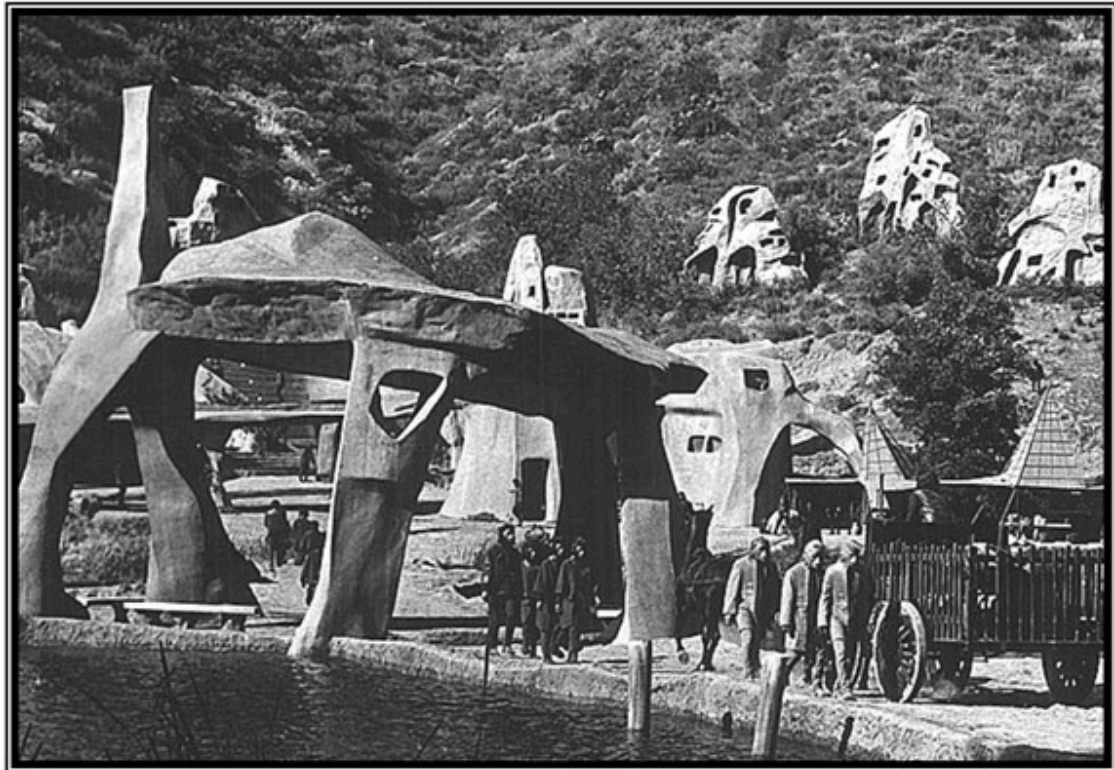
Caesar XVI: "The best way we can honor him is to live up to his ideals"

APE CITY - The Lawgiver was laid to rest on Thursday in a memorial service attended by all of Ape City and Human Town, as well as officials from many towns and villages in the territories.

The Lawgiver fell ill last week and remained in a coma until he passed on peacefully last Sunday night. King Caesar XVI declared a week of official mourning and set the funeral for Thursday morning.

Immediately, word of the Lawgiver's death was sent out over the reflector network. Many dignitaries and officials rushed to Ape City to pay their respects.

The Lawgiver had served longer than any Simian ever in that position, including Virgil. He took office in the reign of the King's grandfather 58 years ago. Many close to the King said that he is visibly shaken by the loss of his closest advisor. The body of the Lawgiver lay in state in the Amphitheater for three days so that all could pass and pay their respects. Apes and Humans waited in line for hours just to say a last goodbye



The Lawgiver's funeral procession leaves Ape City.

to their beloved Lawgiver.

At the memorial service, there were hours of tributes from the mighty (such as Caesar XVI, General Titus, MacDonald, & other members of the High Council) to school children, (including both Princes, Caesar and Lucius, and little Mary MacDonald). King Caesar XVI spoke for more than an hour, calling the Lawgiver the wisest Ape who ever lived before he broke down in tears and was unable to continue.

After the service, there was a procession though the whole of the City ending at the National cemetery. The Lawgiver was laid to rest there near the graves of Caesar the Great, Virgil, Caesar VII and many other great Simians leaders.

Concern Grows Over More Livestock Killings

HUMAN TOWN - Many more Human farmers have reported the slaughter of cows, chickens and now pigs. All of the new incidents have exact the same characteristics as the previous ones: all occurred in the dead of night and the animals were fed upon after they were killed. Orly, the leader of the Muto caucus of the Human Town Citizen's Council, criticized MacDonald and Major Ursus for their slow response to these incidents. Major Ursus stated that his best investigators are working very hard to find the culprits. MacDonald was not available for comment.

HARISTAS: THE NEW LAWGIVER

APE CITY - While King Caesar XVI has yet to make the official nomination for the position of Lawgiver, tradition holds that he will chose Haristas, the Deputy-Leader of the Orangutan delegation to the Citizen's Council. Only three times before has a non-Orangutan served in the position, twice by Chimpanzees and once by a Gorilla (during the uprisings in the Southern territories).

Unlike his predecessors, Haristas comes from a humble family, as does his wife, Myka. But his humble beginnings, and a bit of a feud between his wife and the late Queen, didn't stop the ambitious Orangutan from rising to the top of the Ape City political scene.

While Haristas is not close to the King, it is unlikely that Caesar XVI will defy centuries of tradition by nominating a candidate from another species.

MACDONALD NAMED FIRST HUMAN LAWGIVER

*Caesar XVI Breaks 600 Years of Tradition
& Nominates a Human to the Highest Post*



Members of Orangutan delegation of the Citizen's Council listen as King Caesar XVI nominates MacDonald for post of Lawgiver.

APE CITY - In a bold and historic move, King Caesar XVI nominated MacDonald, Leader of Human Town's Citizen's Council, to be the new Lawgiver.

Despite the King's break with tradition, the Citizen's Council confirmed the nomination with only 14 dissenting votes all coming from within the Orangutan caucus.

The full Citizen's Council met in emergency session on Wednesday morning, after the mourning period for the deceased Lawgiver had ended. It was expected that Caesar XVI would nominate Haristas, the Deputy Leader of the Orangutan delegation, which has been the tradition for more than six centuries. But instead, the King shocked and surprised all by choosing MacDonald.

Many close to Caesar XVI were not surprised that Haristas was not nominated as the Orangutan had never gained the King's full trust. There was even talk of friction between their wives before the Queen died two years ago. However, many expected that Caesar XVI would still nominate an Ape for the position; most likely Lepidus, the Leader of the Chimpanzee delegation.

The Orangutan caucus did elect

Haristas their new Leader. In that position, he will serve as the President of the Ape City Citizen's Council and take a seat on the High Council.

The positions on the High Council will be shaken up a bit. Haristas will be the new Keeper of the Armory while Lepidus will move from the Armory to take over duties as Head of Farming & Production from MacDonald.

MacDonald:

The New Lawgiver

APE CITY - Many think that MacDonald was the King's most logical choice for the role of Lawgiver. The two have been close friends since they were children. So close, each stood with the other at their respective weddings. And tragically both of their wives died in childbirth within weeks of each other, binding the two even closer together. Other than the deceased Lawgiver, MacDonald has been the King's closest advisor.

MacDonald has served on the High Council for almost 10 years, since the retirement of his father who served in the same position. Despite his youth he soon became a close advisor to the King's father, Caesar XV, and gained the respect and trust of all the members of the Council and of most Simians in Ape City.

CELEBRATION IN HUMAN TOWN

HUMAN TOWN - They were dancing in the streets in Human Town on Wednesday night. While many in Ape City were still recovering from the surprise that a Human was named the new Lawgiver, a celebration broke out in Human Town when the news reached here.

The word went from house to house and farm to farm, and the reaction was one of joy. People poured out their homes and started to celebrate. Soon many women started serving food and it became a large banquet. While the new Lawgiver was still in Ape City, his father and daughter Mary were here to share in the festivities.

The elder MacDonald gave a brief speech, "Today, after 600 years, we have finally been accepted as equal members of this society. Gone forever is the stigma of Humans as slave masters and warmongers to be replaced with that of full partners."

Of course, all in Human Town were not celebrating. Muto leader Orly said, "The MacDonald family have been willing puppets of the Apes in the subjection of the Human race for centuries. This changes nothing."

LAWGIVER'S FATHER MURDERED IN NEW LIVESTOCK ATTACK

The Elder MacDonald is Mourned by All

HUMAN TOWN - The father of the Lawgiver was murdered three days ago during another nocturnal attack on livestock. The Lawgiver rushed back from Ape City upon hearing the news. King Caesar XVI has declared a week of the official mourning. All members of the High Council have sent their condolences, as well as calling for a full investigation of the incident.

The 80-year-old MacDonald was home on the family farm with his granddaughter Mary and their Muto housekeeper when they were all awoken around 3AM by noises in the adjacent barn. According to the housekeeper, the elderly man ordered her to stay with Mary while he investigated. The housekeeper said he next heard loud shouting from the barn, followed by a scream. When MacDonald did not return after 30 minutes, she ran to a nearby farm to get help. Later, when the police arrived at the barn they found the old man dead, shot through the heart by an arrowhead made of quartz, and much of the livestock in the barn slaughtered. While the MacDonalds have the largest farm in Human Town, theirs was not the only one attacked that night. Twelve other farms reported livestock attacks.

The mystery of these attacks began over a month ago, when a farmers reported that several of their cows and chickens had



The remains of livestock killed in latest attack

been slaughtered by unknown intruders during the night. Other similar attacks followed despite a full investigation by Major Ursus. However, this is the largest attack to date and the first in which a Human was also killed.

The elder MacDonald served as a member of the High Council for over 30 years and was a close advisor to the late Caesar XV. He retired 10 years ago and was replaced by his son, who took on the role as Head of Farming until being named Lawgiver three weeks ago. Services will be held Monday in Human Town.

CONCERN GROWS FOR OVERDUE CARAVAN FROM CENTRAL CITY

APE CITY - There is an increasing worry about the fate of the latest caravan, which is now two weeks late of its scheduled arrival in the South. Many fear that recent attacks by Mutants during the desert crossing may be responsible for the delay.

Muto Leader Orly Demands Major Ursus Be Replaced

HUMAN TOWN - Due to the increasing number of livestock killings, Orly, the leader of the Muto faction of the Human Town Citizen's Council, has called for the resignation and replacement of Major Ursus, commander of the Human Town Gorilla Garrison.

In his statement, Orly accused Major Ursus of dragging his feet during the investigation, as well as blaming the Gorilla for the murder of the Lawgiver's father. He also questioned the need for a Gorilla security force, calling for a new force comprised of Humans and Mutos only.

When asked to comment, the Lawgiver stated that he has full confidence in Major Ursus to find those responsible and that Orly is a known troublemaker who was once forced to flee to Southern City.

Major Ursus had no comment.

UNREST IN TERRITORIES

Human Farmers Go on Strike

SOUTHERN CITY - Farmers in Human villages throughout both the Southern and the Northern territories declared a general strike earlier this week.

The Farmers' main complaint stems from a ruling by the High Council which requires Human farmers to donate a percentage of their annual crops to the nearest Simian town or village for public use. Ape farmers were exempted from this law, so the Humans farmers claim it discriminates against Humans because of their species.

The controversial law was passed by the High Council last year, with only the late Lawgiver voting against the it, as a reaction to severe famine experienced in several villages two years ago. Ape farmers were exempted because of the small number of Simian farms in the territories, less than 5% of all farms, and because of the small size of most Simian farms, about a quarter of the size of Human farms. Due to this huge imbalance it was felt the Crop Tax, as some call it, would be an deep economic burden on Simian Farms.

However, most Human farmers have complained that the Crop Tax is also a burden on them. They claim that the income of a Simian farm is more than four times that of a Human farm due to Simian farms being allowed to harvest certain specialized crops that Human farms are forbidden from growing. This law, which is over 300 year old, is also a cause for friction in this dispute.

A large part of the complaint by the farmers is that the High Council left it up to the local prefects to determine how much each farm was required

to donate for public use. This has led to large disparities in the crop percentages from one village to another. In many cases some prefects have been accused of requiring more crops than what was needed and then selling the difference on the black market. None of those accusations were ever proven but many of the farmers claim that Simian investigators were bribed by the prefects.

Also noted in their charges is that most of the prefects are Simians, mainly Orangutans and Chimpanzees, while only a small handful are Humans.

According to several of the prefects, the whole situation has been whipped up by the Muto Leader Orly and several of his lieutenants, who have been travelling throughout the territories giving inflammatory speeches to Human farmers to stir up resentment of the new law.

However, despite the rhetoric, this dispute needs to be settled quickly or there will be very low food supplies for coming the winter season.

Searchers Sent Out to Find Missing Caravan

APE CITY - The High Council has authorized a search party for the overdue caravan from Central City. The caravan is now over 4 weeks late, and many fear it may be forever lost. No caravan between Ape, Central or Southern Cities has been lost in over 500 years, but the recent attacks by Human Mutants in the wastelands have many concerned.

DESPITE PUBLIC FACE, HARISTAS PRIVATELY FURIOUS



Chief Proteus & Haristas: A new political alliance?

APE CITY - Although all of his public statements have been supportive, many close to Haristas say that he and his wife Myka are very angry that Caesar XVI did not nominate the Orangutan for Lawgiver.

While he serves on the High Council, Haristas had expected to do so as Lawgiver, not as Keeper of the Armory. So it was a shock when Caesar XVI chose MacDonald over him.

In public Haristas has had nothing but praise for the King and for the new Lawgiver; but quietly to their friends and closest political allies, Haristas & Myka have voiced their dismay. Many say that Haristas is disappointed but that Myka is venomous in her criticisms of Caesar XVI. She believes that the King passed over her husband because he does not come from a prominent family.

This situation may have forged a new and unlikely political alliance as Haristas was spotted having lunch with Chief of Police Proteus, Deputy Leader of the Gorilla caucus. While these two were often at odds in the Citizen's Council, their political fortunes may now be more in line.

They do have one thing in common, like Haristas, Proteus doesn't come from a prominent family. If the two do forge an alliance, it would be one of the biggest shifts in Ape City politics in over a century.

CAPTURED!

Police Stop Livestock Killers in Daring Raid **Several Carnivorous Gorillas in Custody**

HUMAN TOWN - The local police, under the command of Major Ursus, caught several carnivorous Gorilla from a primitive Simian tribe while they were invading a Human farm to kill the livestock there. For the past three months, farms here have plagued with late-night slaughters of their pigs, cows and chickens, as well as the murder of a Human, the Lawgiver's father.

While many different farms were attacked, the pattern was always the same. The unknown killers would come in the dead of the night to large farms where the livestock was kept in a barn far from the main house. The animals would be found dead and partially eaten the next morning.

Major Ursus and his troopers investigated the killings for weeks with no clues. Sadly, the first major break did not come until the elder MacDonald was murdered. In that attack, the 80-year-old Human was killed with an arrowhead of quartz, a well-known weapon of the few primitive Simian tribes still left in the territories.

Knowing that these tribes skirt the edges of the Eastern Desert to scavenge for food, Ursus set up a series of patrols along the border at night. It was one of these patrols that spotted the



*Barn where police trapped the carnivorous Gorillas;
the primitive Simians set it ablaze in an attempt to escape.*

tribal Gorillas crossing over the border, headed for one of the farms in Human Town.

The patrol alerted Ursus' police headquarters, and a large force was sent out to intercept the primitives. When confronted by the police, the tribal apes scattered. Several made it back to the desert and a patrol was sent to track them down. But most took refuge in a small barn near the border. When the barn was surrounded by police, the carnivorous Gorillas set it on fire in an effort to escape. However, their plan failed and the primitives were captured.

Oddly, several of the tribal apes were wearing glyphs that are said to be linked to the long outlawed 'Cult of Aldo'. This is unusual, because while many of Aldo's followers migrated to the tribes after Caesar the Great exiled them from Ape City; the 'Cult of Aldo' has always been a more urban movement, with cells in towns and villages since it was first discovered two centuries ago. Thus, these primitives must have traded with towns & villages; so why they were engaging in late night raids is even more of a mystery.

The Lawgiver commended Major Ursus and the police for their efforts. However, Muto Leader Orly and many farmers are demanding that the Gorillas in custody be put on trial for the murder of the Lawgiver's father. Ursus has stated that they are still investigating, but so far there is no hard evidence to link them to the murder.

Ancient History Scrolls Released to the Public

APE CITY - Dr. Zaius, the Deputy Minister of Science, released to the public several of the ancient history scrolls which were found in two hidden vaults in the Ministry of Science building. Zaius also confirmed that the scrolls were written by Virgil, the first Lawgiver, and that they contain a highly detailed history of the early years of the City. While several of these scrolls were being used by teachers, this is the first time they have been available to the general public. However, there are several major gaps in the scrolls. When asked, Dr. Zaius said that some scrolls just didn't survive for six centuries.

MUTANT ATTACK!

Caravan to Ape City Forced to Turn Back After Vicious Assault in the Wastelands



*One of the few surviving wagons from the caravan
attacked by Human Mutants en route to Ape City.*

Heavy Casualties Reported

CENTRAL CITY - A tribe of Human Mutants have attacked a recent caravan to Ape City. Most of the wagons were lost, forcing the caravan to return to Central City. Officials refuse to release a list of the deceased until all of the families can be notified, but initial reports have estimated that the casualty rate may be as high as 50 percent. This caravan departed last April on its long journey to Ape City. Their trip was uneventful until about a week after it entered the wastelands. Traveling along the southern coast, the very same route that was discovered by Urko the Explorer centuries ago, the caravan was attacked by a small band of Mutants looking for food. They were fought off quite easily. But the caravan was attacked the very next night, and again every night for the next ten days. Each night, number of Mutants increased along with the ferocity of the attacks. Soon, their path to Ape City was blocked. The leaders

of the caravan tried to chart an alternate route to the east, but that just drove them even deeper into the wastelands. Finally, after almost half of the caravan's wagons had been lost, it was decided to return to Central City. The shortest route possible back was charted, but the attacks did not end until the caravan left the wastelands. From there the caravan headed to the nearest village to send word to Central City of what had happened.

Regular caravans travelling between Ape and Central cities have been taking place for over six centuries. However, many fear the increase of these Mutant attacks in the last few years may result in the two great Simian cities ultimately losing contact with each other.

Mysterious Disease Reported in Rural Region

TRION - Officials in many local villages in the area are becoming concerned over the increased number of reported cases of a disease known as the Fever. This mysterious illness attacks mostly Humans. The symptoms include high fever, shivering, joint pain, vomiting and convulsions.

Doctors have been stumped in trying to find a cure for this disease. Unfortunately for those who have contracted it, the end result of contracting the illness is death.

HIGH COUNCIL PROPOSAL MET WITH RESISTANCE

BORAK - The High Council's proposal for the administration of the many dispersed farming communities in the Western region is being met with strong opposition by most of local leaders of those villages and towns. They are all meeting in the village of Borak this week. The current system, which has been in effect for over 350 years, is similar to the system used Eastern Region. All the allied towns and villages elect their own Citizen's Council. Each Council selects its own leader. That leader attends the administrative meetings held in Central City every six months. While this system is effective in the East, it has always been problematic here due to the vastness of the Western region. The High Council proposed a new system where a prefect would be appointed for every town and village. The prefect would work with the town's Citizens Council and be the conduit to the High Council. Local leaders are objecting to the plan, stating that it would effectively hand over control of how their villages and towns are run to the High Council in Central City. But supporters of the plan say it would be much more efficient and effective.

HUMAN FARMERS RIOT IN PROTEST

Clash with Troops Ordered to Harvest Crops

APE CITY - Striking Human farmers in the Southern region began rioting in various towns after the Lawgiver ordered the Army to harvest the fall crop. In many villages the striking farmers have been burning their crops rather than allow the Gorilla troopers to harvest them.

The conflict started late last month when, after a heated meeting of the Ape City High Council, the Lawgiver ordered General Titus to deploy Gorilla troops to the striking farm towns and villages in the South. According to insiders, Haristas and Lepidus, the Head of Farming, brought the issue up during the monthly Council meeting. Lepidus had been trying to negotiate a settlement with the striking farmers for several weeks. The harvest came and went in the Northern region with most crops going bad in the fields. Lepidus made the argument that if the same thing was allowed to in the much larger Southern region, both Ape & Southern Cities could face famine this winter. Haristas backed him, but both Caesar XVI & General Titus objected fearing use of the Army would only make the situation worse. The Lawgiver broke the tie citing the need to avoid famine.

However, Muto leader Orly has denounced the Lawgiver as a traitor to his species and called on Human farmers to burn their crops. Many farmers did as a protest. These protests turned into riots in some villages when the Army moved in to put out the fires and harvest the crops. A resolution to the strike seems unlikely in the near future.



Human Farmers burn their own crops rather than allow Gorilla Troops to harvest them.

Humans Demanding Trial Of Carnivorous Gorillas Be Held In Human Town

APE CITY - The Human Town Citizen's Council submitted a formal request that the tribal Gorillas captured in Human Town several weeks ago be prosecuted there as well.

According to the constitution all trials of Simians are to be held in Ape City regardless of where the crime took place. Conversely, trials of all Human criminals are to be held in Human Town or the nearest Human village; thus, both Apes and Humans are guaranteed to be judged by their peers. This system was put in place over 600 years ago by Virgil and Caesar the Great. It has never been challenged before.

The petition by the Human Town Council states that the Constitution only applies to civilized Simians and not to tribal Apes. It cites as a legal precedent a case from 400 years ago when two Human mutants were prosecuted in Southern City by Simians rather than in a nearby Human

farming Village.

The request will be considered by the Ape City Citizen's Council at their next meeting, but is unlikely to be granted. Proteus, Deputy Leader of the Gorilla caucus, has stated his opposition, "Moving this trial to Human Town would be a terrible breach of 600 years of legal tradition".

The carnivorous Gorillas are charged with several counts of destruction of property and livestock as well as the murder of the Lawgiver's father.

SEARCHERS TURNED BACK IN WASTELANDS

SOUTHERN CITY - A search party sent out over two months ago to find the overdue caravan from Central City was turned back after being attacked many times by Human Mutants in the wastelands. The party is now regrouping in Southern City and is also considering a water passage to bypass the hostile Mutant tribes.

COUNCIL SHOCKER!

Citizens' Council Overturns 600 Years of Legal Precedent During Raucous Session



Gorilla Caucus Protests Vote During Citizens' Council Meeting

APE CITY - The Citizens' Council voted to move the trial of the tribal Gorillas to Human Town, breaking over 600 years of legal tradition. The Gorilla and Orangutan caucuses both voted unanimously to deny the petition for the change of venue from Human Town's Citizen's Council. However, the entire Chimpanzee caucus voted to grant the request. Because Chimps outnumber Gorillas and Orangutans combined, they effectively overruled the rest of the Council.

After the vote was taken, the session erupted into chaos with the Gorilla caucus wildly protesting the vote. Proteus, the deputy leader of that caucus, accused the Chimpanzees of betraying their Simian brothers and pandering to the new Lawgiver. General Titus, leader of the Gorilla caucus and a member of the High Council, was on a training exercise with the Army so he was not able to attend the Council meeting.

Lepidus, leader of the Chimp caucus and Keeper of the Armory, left the meeting after the vote was taken and has not responded to several requests for comment. However, many believe that Lepidus was only doing what he had been

instructed to do by the King. Many think Caesar XVI was trying to shore up support for the new Lawgiver in Human Town. He has recently come under fire in there due to some decisions that have been very unpopular with many Humans. Haristas, the leader of the Orangutan caucus and a High Council member, said he was disappointed in the vote by the Chimpanzees but refused further comment.

One major result of the change in venue to Human Town is that the tribesapes will now be charged with the murder of the Lawgiver's father. National Academy prosecutors were not charging the Gorillas for this crime since there is no proof they were the same Gorillas who killed MacDonald, the elder. However, prosecutors in Human Town have stated that they share guilt for the crime because it was committed by fellow members of their tribe.

Lady Myka Speaks Out Against King

APE CITY - While Haristas, her husband, has stayed silent this week; his wife, Lady Myka, has denounced several recent actions by King Caesar XVI in a speech to a local Female Orangutans' club.

Myka condemned the Council vote to move the tribesapes trial to Human Town. She called it a gift from the King to his pet Human, a term that she has been recently using refer to the new Lawgiver. She also said the vote another example of Chimpanzee tyranny on the Council.

Myka went on to blast Caesar XVI for not taking a firmer hand against striking Human farmers in the territories, as well as allowing the route to Central City to be cut off by Human Mutants. Calling the King weak on Human matters, she accused him of willing to sacrifice Simian lives rather than offend Humans.

There is no love lost between Caesar XVI and Lady Myka. She and the Queen never had a good relationship and the King was offended when Myka did not attend the Queen's funeral. Privately Myka has criticized the King for not selecting her husband, Haristas, to serve as the new Lawgiver.

NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN TO END FARM STRIKE

SOUTHERN CITY - In a development the seemed impossible just a week ago, representatives for the Human farmers and the High Council sat down to negotiate an end to the strike before the current harvest is spoiled. The farmers agreed to the talks after the Lawgiver traveled here to make a personal appeal to them in order to avoid famine this winter. The Lawgiver chaired the first session of the negotiations before beginning the journey back to Ape City.

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MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL CITY

Mutants Block Route To West; High Council Weighs Options

APE CITY - A message was finally received from the colony of Central City this week. Using a network of abandoned reflector stations in the wastelands, Central City communicated that the passage between the Eastern and the Western territories has become impassable due to attacks by tribes of Human mutants.

It was also communicated that the long overdue caravan was forced to return to Central City, due to mutant attacks, with a high number of casualties. A party sent out from Southern City to search for the missing caravan was turned back by the mutants several weeks ago. That search party was in the process of regrouping when the message was received.

The High Council is currently considering several options to open up the route once again, including sending the Army into the wastelands to launch a counterattack against the tribes of mutants.

The reflector network used to send the message is similar to the network that links Ape and Southern cities, but had long been abandoned due to supply problems. Central City sent 100 troopers into the wastelands to restore the old reflector stations and reactivate the network. They carried supplies for three months and continue to relay messages between the Eastern and the Western territories.



A reflector station similar to the ones used to send the message.

Talks to End Farm Strike Breakdown

SOUTHERN CITY - Negotiations to end the long strike by Human Farmers in the Northern and Southern territories broke down earlier this week and no new talks have been scheduled.

Since the window to harvest most crops before they spoiled in the fields has now past; there is little hope the negotiations will resume before the winter. The talks, which were started three weeks ago, began with great promise of ending the strike. The first session was chaired by the Lawgiver and much progress was made in the first week.

However, in the second week, lieutenants of Muto leader Orly arrived as representatives of Northern territory farmers. From that point on the talks became bogged down in many

minor issues, most of which that were not even part of the original dispute.

With the end of the talks, both Ape and Southern cities face a harsh winter and possibly a famine. Because the farmers in Human Town did not join the strike; Ape City should have just enough supplies to get through the winter if food is rationed. Southern City will be hit much harder since it relies more heavily on farms in the territories, as well as trade with the Western colonies which is cut off at the moment.

The Lawgiver has remained silent on the failure of the talks he started. However, Dr. Kelly, the Deputy Leader of Human Town's Citizens Council, said, "This is just another example of obstruction by Orly and his henchmen in their attempt to disrupt and create havoc".

TRIAL OF CARNIVOROUS GORILLAS BEGINS

HUMAN TOWN - Prosecutors here began their opening arguments in the trial of the carnivorous Gorilla tribesapes, accusing them of killing livestock as well as the murder of the Lawgiver's father.

The decision by the Ape City Citizen's Council to move the trial to Human Town stirred much controversy. Haristas has stated that he will be monitoring the trial to ensure the Gorillas are treated fairly.

HIGH COUNCIL APPROVES FOOD RATIONING PLAN

EXTREME STEPS ARE TAKEN TO PREVENT FAMINE THIS WINTER

APE CITY - The High Council approved a highly controversial food rationing plan in order to prevent a famine here in Ape City and in Simian villages during the upcoming winter season.

The plan gives High Council member Lepidus, the Head of Farming, sweeping new powers to allocate food resources from town to town throughout the Eastern region. The vote of the High Council was unanimous, despite the plan being heavily debated in an emergency joint session of both the Ape City and the Human Town Citizen's Councils last week.

In that joint session, many of the Human members, who are farmers themselves, objected to provisions that froze all crop prices at the levels they were at a year ago. They also objected to being directed where and in what amounts they can sell their crops. The farmers said they should let the free market decide the prices as well as to whom they can sell their crops. It was successfully argued by Lepidus that due the farming strike there would be limited food supplies available; so without these controls prices would skyrocket and only wealthier towns would be able to afford to buy the crops while many poorer ones would starve. Lepidus was supported by the Lawgiver who was able to convince many of his fellow Humans to support the plan. However, Muto Leader Orly has denounced it (*see sidebar*). Even with the Human caucus mostly voting yes, the final tally was still very close. Many Chimpanzees voted against it to support local Chimpanzee

farmers in the territories. A few Gorillas no voted as well. Only the Orangutan caucus, led by Haristas, voted unanimously to support the plan.

After the vote in the Citizen's Council, a final vote in the High Council was needed for full passage. Many opponents appealed directly to Caesar XVI to veto the rationing plan. But, the King decided to vote for it. He cited that the needs of the whole community were greater than those of a few farmers.

The implementation of food rationing is a direct result of the farm strike in the Northern and Southern territories that started last summer. There were hopes that a settlement would be negotiated in the fall, but those talks in Southern City failed. No new talks have yet been scheduled.

Muto Leader Orly Rejects the Plan; Blames Lawgiver

HUMAN TOWN - Orly, the leader of the Muto caucus in the Human Town Citizen's Council, has denounced the food rationing plan approved this week by the High Council. Referring to the Lawgiver as Caesar's pet Human, Orly once again accuses him of selling out the Human race to his Ape masters.

The Lawgiver has refused to comment on Orly's remarks.



Major Zako of Central City

Exclusive: Gorilla Trooper Speaks from Wastelands

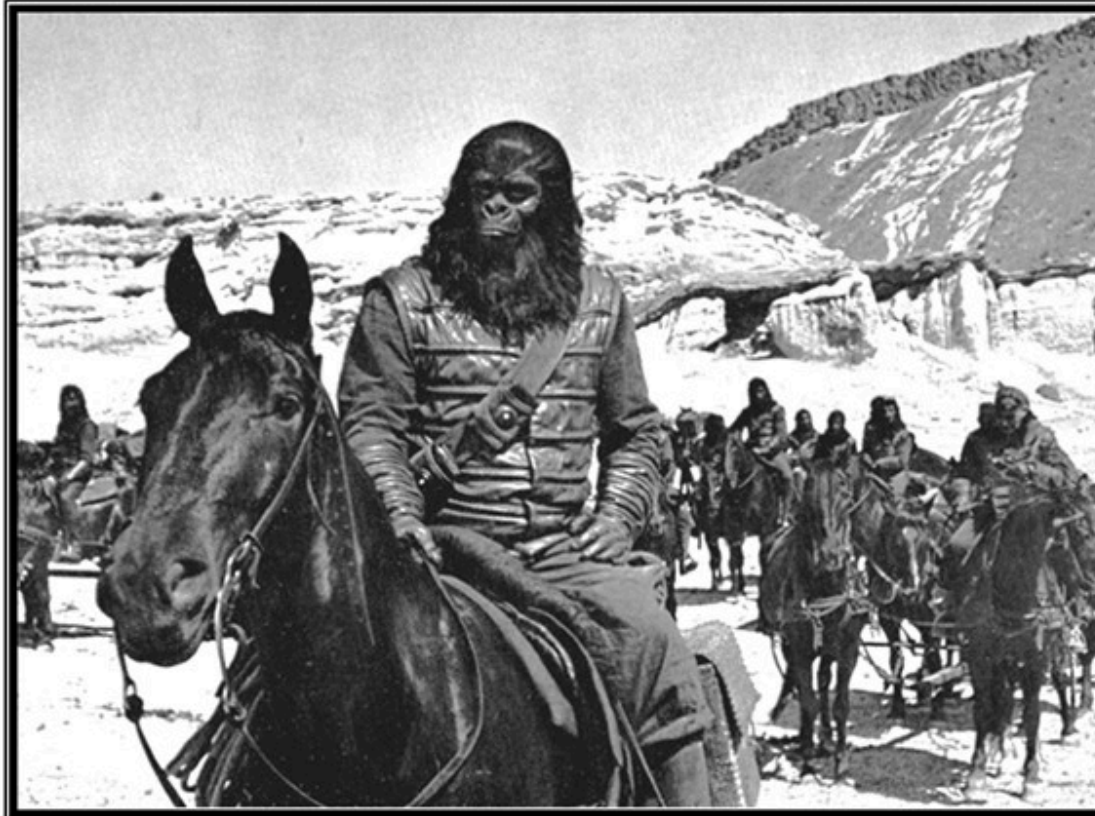
SOUTHERN CITY - Battling tribes of mutants, attacks by strange animals and days of endless heat are just some of the trials Gorilla troopers had to contend with to restore communication between Ape and Central cities according Major Zako.

Zako is one of the over 200 soldiers that were sent out by the Central City High Council to reactivate the signal stations in the wastelands between the Eastern and Western regions.

Once in the wastelands teams of 2 to 10 troopers each were stationed at each relay tower. The stations on the borders only needed a few Apes while those far into the wastelands needed the most. Thus, their numbers dwindled as more of the stations were reactivated deeper into the wastelands.

Major Zako commanded the squad sent to the stations closest to the Eastern region and works the final one alone.

CAESAR ORDERS ARMY INTO THE WASTELANDS



Army units gather on border of the wastelands.

APE CITY - Caesar XVI has ordered the Gorilla Army to enter the wastelands to reopen the route to Central City. The King issued an executive order to General Titus rather than wait for a ruling from the High Council. He cited the need for quick action but some believe that the King was looking to spare his Lawgiver a difficult vote since military action against Human mutants living in the wastelands would be very politically unpopular in Human Town.

The problems in the wastelands began a few years ago when attacks by Human mutant tribes

started to increase in frequency and ferocity. It is believed this was caused by dwindling food supplies in the wastelands.

The problem was seen as little more than a nuisance until a caravan from Central City was turned back last year after it had suffered numerous mutant attacks. The Central City High Council sent over 200 elite troopers into the wastelands to reactivate the old reflector network linking the Eastern & Western regions. The mission for the Army is to relieve those brave Gorillas and to eliminate all mutants who are blocking the route between the regions.

Trial Of Carnivorous Gorillas Continues

HUMAN TOWN - The trial of the tribal Gorillas has entered its fifth week with the prosecution still presenting its case. Human prosecutors have solicited the testimony of over 50 witnesses, all of whom have identified the Gorilla defendants as participants in the attacks on livestock last summer.

Not all the witnesses have been Human. Many Chimpanzee farmers have testified, as well as the Gorilla troopers who helped to capture the defendants. However, no evidence has yet been presented to link these Gorillas to the murder of the Lawgiver's father.

MUTOS DECLARE GENERAL STRIKE

HUMAN TOWN - Orly, the Muto Leader, has declared a general strike of all Muto workers in Human Town. The strike is a protest against the Food Rationing plan that the High Council instituted several weeks ago. Orly said that the Lawgiver betrayed the entire Human race by voting for the plan which is very unpopular with many farmers in Human Town.

Because all of the crops needed to implement the rationing plan have already been harvested, the strike will have little impact on the program. However, if the strike carries over into the planting season next spring there could be enormous consequences since most of that work is done by Muto laborers, except on only the smallest farms.

The strike will have the most immediate impact on the large farms and plantations where Muto workers are engaged as household servants. Owned by some of the first families of Human Town such as the Keen, MacDonald and Kelly families; these homes will have to do without their Muto maids, butlers, cooks and other servants for the time being. Many Humans feel this poetic justice since only the owners of the larger farms supported the food rationing plan while the small and medium size farmers opposed it.

The Lawgiver has asked for negotiations to end the strike quickly, but so far Orly has refused to schedule any talks.

TRIBAL GORILLAS DECLARED GUILTY

Sentenced to Death By Human Town Tribunal

First Death Sentence in Over 500 Years

HUMAN TOWN - The trial of the carnivorous tribal Gorillas ended this week with a guilty verdict on all counts, including the murder of the Lawgiver's father last summer. The Human tribunal sentenced the Gorillas to death, which is the first such sentence in over 500 years. This conclusion to the trial adds more controversy to what was already a very politically charged situation.

Many were dismayed when the trial was moved to Human Town despite the long tradition of prosecuting Simians in Ape City, regardless of where their crimes took place. Critics have claimed that in Ape City the Gorillas would not have been charged with the murder of the Lawgiver's father due to the lack of any direct evidence linking them to that crime.

Now with the invocation of the death sentence, the critics are out in force. There is no death penalty Ape City following the edict, 'Ape Shall Never Kill Ape'. Human Town has had it in their law but it hasn't been used in centuries. And as many of the critics have pointed out this is the first time Humans are judging Apes.

Under Human Town law, the execution won't take place for 3 months. During that time, the verdict and sentence may be appealed. Many have called on Caesar XVI to use his power granted by the constitution to pardon the Gorillas.

Haristas Condemns Verdict and Caesar XVI

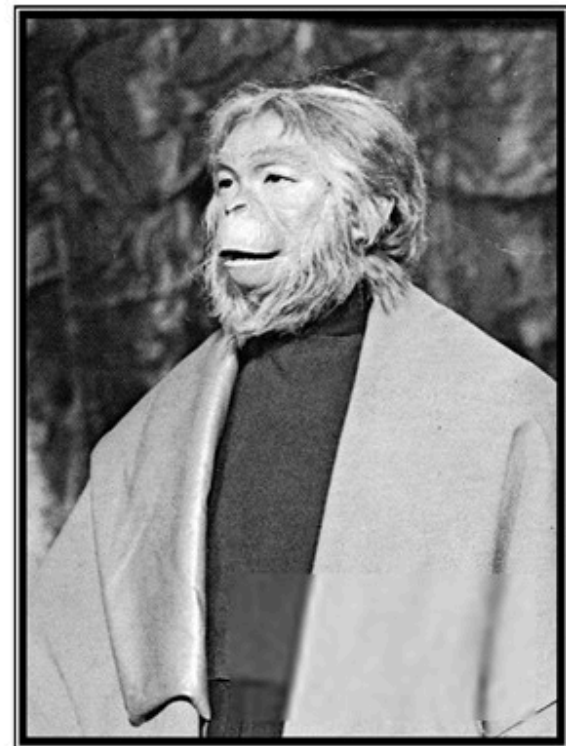
APE CITY - Reaction to the verdict and sentence passed down in Human Town this week was swift and harsh. No Ape was more critical than Haristas of the High Council.

At a meeting of the Orangutan Caucus, the Counselor called the verdict "the biggest and most offensive miscarriage of justice in Simian history".

Haristas strongly condemns the Human Town tribunal for what he called "pandering to the mob by ignoring the most basic legal standards of evidence".

Beyond the vitriol, Haristas outlined several problems with the trial of the tribal Apes:

- ◇ The primitive Gorillas have limited verbal abilities and didn't fully understand the charges against them.
- ◇ They were not allowed a Simian defense counsel but were assigned a Human who provided an extremely weak defense for her clients.
- ◇ Over 50 Human witnesses who were allowed to testify offered no new evidence but



Counselor Haristas

merely stoked the emotions of the judges.

- ◇ Hearsay and circumstantial evidence was allowed to make the thinnest of links to the murder of the Lawgiver's father.

Haristas blames Caesar XVI for the situation. He accused the King on allowing this 'miscarriage of justice' and of being weak on many Human issues such as the farm strikes and the mutant problem in the wastelands. "Caesar is proving himself unfit to lead us", the Orangutan declared.

ARMY BOGGED DOWN IN WASTELANDS

SOUTHERN CITY - Last month the Army entered the wastelands on a mission to clear out mutant tribes blocking the route between the Eastern and Western regions. Military experts assumed it to be a very quick and easy operation. General Titus was confident that the mission's goal would take only a few weeks to accomplish.

Unfortunately, the Army has become bogged down in a war against an enemy that is more intelligent than had been expected. These mutant insurgents are often unseen and are using harassing tactics, rather than direct assaults, against our troops.

General Titus has been ordered to return to Ape City to report his progress, or lack of progress, to the High Council.

Haristas Starts Major Political Firestorm

Remarks Seen As Direct Challenge to Caesar XVI

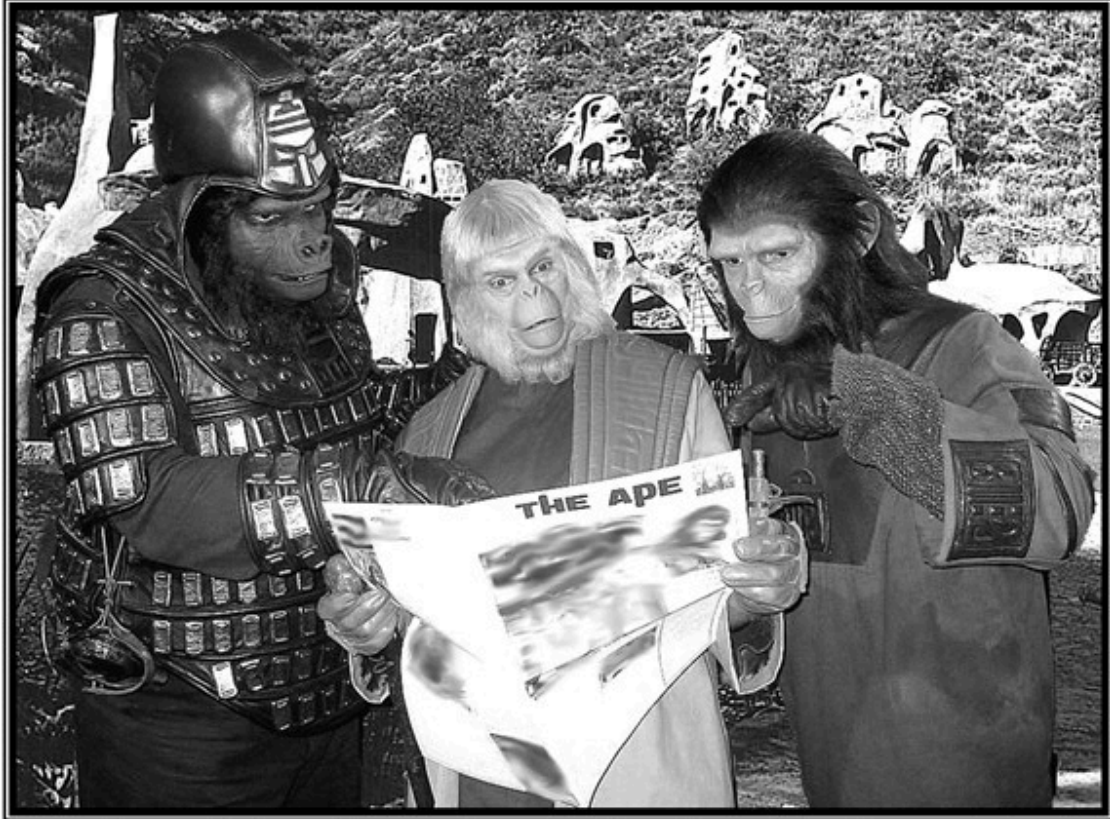
APE CITY - A major political firestorm was started in Ape City by remarks made by High Council member Haristas last week. In a speech where he condemned the death sentence of the tribal Gorillas, Haristas lashed out at the King. He blamed Caesar XVI for the harsh verdict, as well as for other recent crises, calling the King unfit to lead.

Many see these remarks as the most direct challenge to a King in several centuries. However, others say that it is just another instance of a very frustrated politician mouthing off in a public forum, which has been known to happen from time to time.

Haristas' supporters cite that there is no law that forbids public criticism of a monarch or of elected officials. Of course, while many prominent citizens have criticized the King and High Council in the past; this is the first example of a member of the High Council openly calling a sitting King unfit to serve.

As soon as Haristas' remarks were reported, many in the Ape City political community began choosing sides. Proteus, the Deputy Leader of the Gorilla Caucus, supports Haristas and echoed many of his sentiments regarding the King. Claudius, Haristas' Deputy, initially said that he found the remarks shocking. He later clarified his position stating while that he fully supported Haristas' right to make such statements, he felt the assessment of the King's leadership was far too critical.

Caesar XVI has his supporters too. High Council Member Lepidus denounced the remarks



**General Titus, Deputy Leader Claudius of the Orangutan
Caucus and Head of Farming Lepidus reading Haristas' remarks**

calling them the ranting of a very bitter Ape. General Titus had a similar reaction, saying that the remarks were both untrue and irresponsible.

The Lawgiver was asked to comment but he has declined stating that it was a dispute between Simians and that he would honor old traditions by remaining neutral.

The animosity between Caesar XVI and Haristas is well known in Ape City going back to the late Queen's minor feud with the High Counselor's wife, Myka, several years ago. The King's refusal to pick Haristas for the position of Lawgiver last year has only made matters worse. Ape City is becoming politically divided as a result with citizens asking each other, 'Are you on Team Caesar or Team Haristas?'.

NEGOTIATIONS TO END FARM STRIKE RESUME

SOUTHERN CITY-Talks with Human farmers have resumed this week to end the farm strike that began last summer.

Negotiations broke down in the fall prior to harvest season in the Southern territories. It is hoped that by starting the talks now, an agreement can be reached with the farmers by the time the planting season begins in the spring.

Titus Reports on Situation in the Wastelands

APE CITY - General Titus has returned to Ape City to report to the High Council on the Army's progress, or lack of progress, in the wastelands.

The Army was commissioned with clearing out the Human mutant tribes that have blocked the passage along the Gulf coast between the Eastern and Western regions, the route that links Ape City and Central City. It was believed that this would be a quick and easy military exercise, but the Army has become bogged down there, facing an unexpected and very effective insurgency from the mutant tribes.

General Titus has been blamed for the Army's poor progress by many including Proteus, the Deputy Leader of the Gorilla Caucus. "Titus' overconfidence has been exploited by the enemy and he needs to change his tactics", said Proteus. Other critics have been less vocal but have offered a similar analysis of what has gone wrong in the wastelands.

The High Council will meet with Titus in the next few days to assess the situation and decide on a new battle plan.

INSURRECTION

Farm Strike Negotiations Breakdown 50 Human Villages Declare Independence

SOUTHERN CITY - Fifty Human farming villages have separated from the federation, declaring themselves independent states. They made their declaration after negotiations to end the farm strike broke down when all the Human delegates walked out of the talks.

The exact issue that caused the walkout is still unclear. But, as many observers have noted, the negotiations were going well until several representatives of the Muto farmers arrived a few weeks ago. The Mutos made several very extreme demands. They also stirred up the other Humans by digging up many old animosities and divisive issues between Humans and Simians. The negotiations went downhill from there resulting in the walkout this week.

After they walked out of the talks, the Human delegation issued a statement calling for the separation of Human towns and villages. By the end of the week 50 Human communities in the Northern and Southern territories had declared their independence. The swiftness of so many of these declarations have led some to speculate that they may have been planned in advance and that the walkout was staged as a pretense.

Muto leader Orly has cheered the independence movement,

calling it first step for freedom for all Humans. He has also called for a meeting of the leaders of all 50 villages and towns to form a new Human confederation.

The Lawgiver, on the other hand, has denounced separation and is asking that all parties come back to the negotiating table. The Lawgiver has pledged to lead all the talks personally and to not quit until all differences are resolved.

However, if the Humans refuse there is little that can be done to force them to comply. Most of the Gorilla garrisons in these Human towns and villages were reassigned to assist the Army still bogged down in the wastelands fighting of mutant insurgents who are blocking the passage to Central City.

With food supplies very low in the territories, this crisis could not have come at a worse time. This year's winter has been very harsh and now hopes for relief in the coming spring may have vanished for good.

King Urges For Calm to Resolve Secession Crisis



King Caesar XVI

APE CITY - The King issued a statement calling for calm by all sides in order to end the Human secession crisis. He said that it was hot heads who initiated this crisis and that the same extreme attitudes will only make the situation much worse. Whether Caesar XVI was specifically referring to any person or group or was only speaking figuratively was not totally apparent.

The King has dispatched the Lawgiver to Southern City to restart the talks and end what is the biggest crisis that any Ape sovereign has faced in many centuries. However, Caesar XVI is already drawing fire from critics. Haristas, who has recently been very vocal in his complaints about the King, said, "This is the end result of Caesar's policies of pandering to Humans". Deputy Gorilla Leader Proteus stated, "We need swift military action to show these Humans who's boss". The King has refused to respond to these statements.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE RELEASES NEW STUDY ON MUTANT HUMANS

APE CITY - Doctor Milo issued a study about mutant Humans based on his ten years of observation and research. The study groups mutants into four categories:

- Advanced Mutos - Pure bred mutants who live in the territories away from radiation sources and tend to be very intelligent.
- Worker Mutos - The result of mutant and non-mutant breeding, who live in the territories but have limited intelligence.
- Tribal Mutants - Mutant and non-mutant ancestry, live in the wastelands near radiation sources causing mental regression.
- X Mutants - Humans who may still live in ancient cities. Effects of pure breeding and living inside radiation source is unknown.

ORLY DEFEATS MACDONALD



Council meeting went late into the night.

Citizen's Council Elects A New Leader in Extremely Close Vote

HUMAN TOWN - After a no confidence vote in MacDonald, the Citizen's Council elected Muto Leader Orly as the new Head of the Council by only six votes. The late night vote followed hours of debate in which the MacDonald's role as Leader, since he rose to the post of Lawgiver, was at issue. Supporters argued that as the Lawgiver, MacDonald has to represent the interests of all, not just Humans. Opponents said that he was putting the best interests of Simians first. What had started as a normal meeting of the Council became politically charged when Orly petitioned to have the Council officially recognize the new Confederation of Human towns and villages that seceded last month. MacDonald refused to allow a vote on the petition, stating that according to the constitution this issue was the

province of the High Council. It was then that Orly called for a vote of no confidence and put himself forward as a candidate for Head of the Council. The entire Muto delegation voted with Orly, as always, but it was the peeling off of support of the owners of smaller farms from MacDonald to Orly that made the difference in the end. While poor farmers have traditionally voted for their fellow Humans, many felt that Orly was more inline with their interests than MacDonald, the rich owner of a large plantation. Orly will be the first Muto to ever lead the Council. In the past, only members of the three founding families (and large plantation owners), the Kellys, Keens and MacDonalds, have served as Leader. Even those Humans who own the smaller farms have never been elected to Head of the Council.

Shake-Up On High Council Is Expected

APE CITY - MacDonald's loss of the leadership of the Human Town Citizen's Council makes him no longer eligible to sit on the High Council and serve as Lawgiver. Since it is highly unlikely that the King will nominate Orly to be the new Lawgiver, changes will have to be made.

Haristas may expect that he will finally be nominated to be Lawgiver. If he is, Lepidus, the current Head of Farming, would most likely move back to the position of Keeper of the Armory. Orly would then take over as Head of Farming.

However, that scenario might be a bit premature. If relations between Haristas and Caesar XVI had been cool in the past, they are glacial now. Both the Orangutan Councilor and his wife Myka have been actively denouncing the leadership of the King. While Caesar XVI has never discouraged anyone, Simian, Human or Muto, from disagreeing with his policies; the personal attacks on him and his family do not sit well.

TRIBAL GORILLAS' APPEAL REJECTED

HUMAN TOWN - An appeal request for a new trial for the carnivorous Tribal Gorillas has been rejected by the Human Town Council. This is the fifth appeal to be rejected. Only a pardon from the King can stop their execution next month.

LEPIDUS NAMED NEW LAWGIVER

Only 3rd Chimpanzee to Ever Serve in the Office

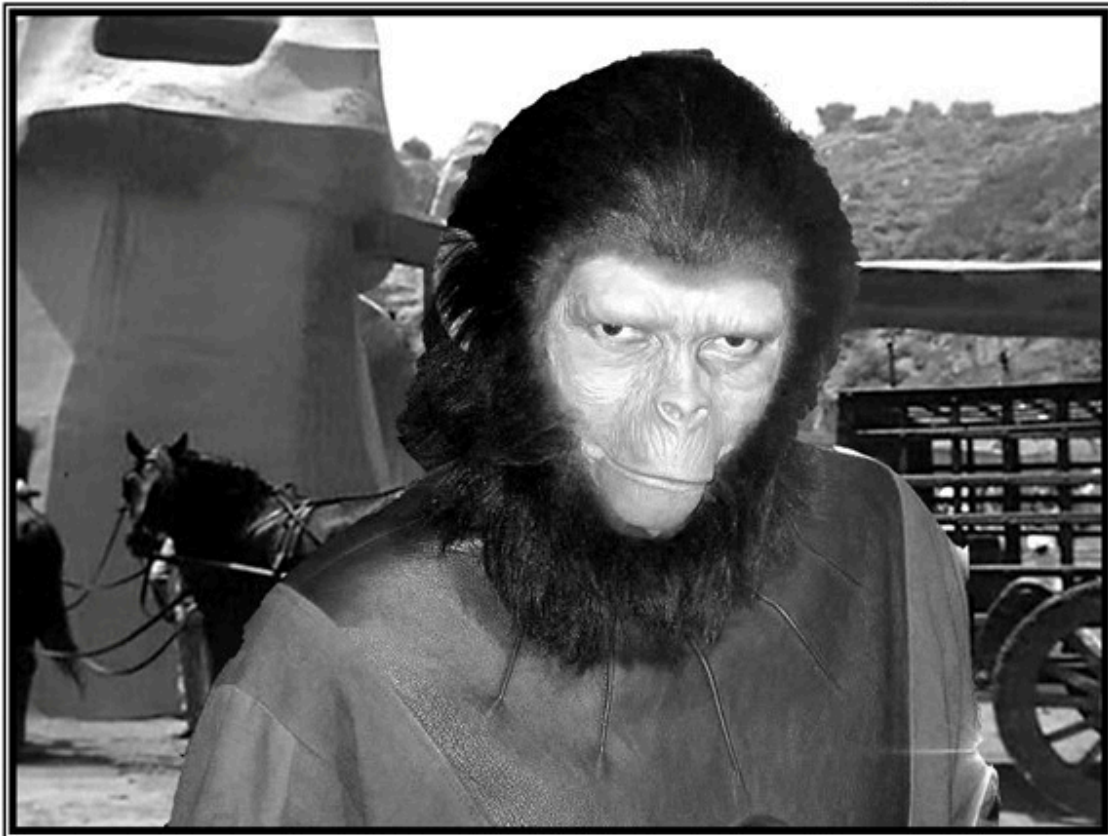
APE CITY - Caesar XVI has chosen Councilor Lepidus to be the new Lawgiver. Lepidus will be only the third Chimpanzee in history to be named the Lawgiver and the first in over two hundred years.

The King once again passed over Haristas for Lawgiver. The Orangutan will remain as Keeper of the Armory. Haristas may have had a shot at the post but his recent public criticisms of Caesar XVI's leadership has greatly increased the animosity between him and the King. As one insider put it, "Haristas whined his way out of being considered".

New High Council member, the Muto Orly, will take over as Head of Farming from Lepidus. It was Orly's election as Head of the Human Town Citizens Council which caused the shake-up on the High Council.

While Caesar XVI only has the power to nominate each of the individual members of the High Council to a specific post, confirmation by the Ape City Citizen's Council is merely a formality. Never in history has any of the King's nominations been rejected or even amended by the Citizen's Council.

The make-up of the new High Council will be interesting with neither Haristas or the Muto Orly having any allegiance or strong loyalty to the King. Both of them seem to be free agents who are far more interested in gaining political advantages than working together. How this will work at a time when there are so many challenges facing our society remains to be seen.



Councilor Lepidus, the New Lawgiver

THE FALL OF MACDONALD

HUMAN TOWN - His term as Lawgiver started with such promise. As the first Human Lawgiver, he was a historic figure. But now everyone is asking, "what went wrong?". Some claim that it was the unique nature of recent events that have put Humans and Simians in conflict. In his role as Lawgiver, MacDonald tried to steer a neutral course which many Humans came to resent. Others believe that many long standing resentments in Human Town between smaller farmers and large plantation owners, like the MacDonald family, were skillfully exploited by the Muto leader Orly.

Orly, an Advanced Muto, was able to manipulate recent events to secure the votes of many Humans against one of their own to elect him as their new Leader.

Army Being Recalled from the Wastelands

APE CITY - Caesar XVI has ordered General Titus to begin to withdraw his troops from the wastelands. The Army has been bogged down their for three months with little advancement on what was supposed to be a quick mission to open the route to the Western territories and Central City.

Haristas has been calling for the Army's return for weeks to put down the independence movement in Human Towns and Villages.

The King did not say why he chose to recall the Army at this time. A spokesape stated that the King did not want the Army tied up in the wastelands during such a volatile period here in the Eastern region, so the reopening of the route to the west will have to wait.

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JAILBREAK!

Carnivorous Gorillas Are Sprung From Jail Raiders Wore Glyph of the 'Cult of Aldo'



The mysterious raiders who freed the tribal Gorillas

HUMAN TOWN - Several masked riders raided the town's jailhouse and freed the carnivorous tribal Gorillas who were to be executed in a few weeks. Several witnesses to the late night raid said that the raiders wore a glyph that has been associated with the 'Cult of Aldo'.

While the eyewitness accounts vary in certain details, there are several facts that are consistent in all versions. It was shortly after midnight when many horses were heard riding in from the north, waking many residents. Soon about 20 to 30 hooded raiders were in the center of town and headed for the jailhouse.

Several of the raiders entered the jailhouse where only one overnight Gorilla sentry was on duty. The raiders overpowered the sentry and tied him up. The raiders then freed all the tribal Gorillas while several other prisoners, both Human and Simian, were left locked in their cells.

After the Gorillas were freed, they and the mysterious raiders road out of town and headed east. Several farmers who were awoken attempted to follow after them, but the raiders headed straight into the desert. The glyph identified the raiders as members of the 'Cult of Aldo'. Some of the carnivorous Gorillas were wearing the same glyph when captured several months ago. But the raiders were not tribal Apes, they were clearly more civilized, making this raid the first action by the 'Cult' in almost 200 years.

Councilor Orly Outraged by Apes' Escape

APE CITY - Upon learning of the raid freeing the condemned tribal Gorillas, Councilor Orly, the Leader of Human Town's Citizen's Council, demanded a special emergency meeting of the High Council where the Muto proclaimed his outrage over the incident.

At the meeting Orly blamed the escape on Major Ursus, head of Human Town security and son of General Titus. Yet while he did not directly make the charge, Orly intimated that Ursus was either incompetent or in league with the raiders.

The Muto leader also made the formal request that the Simian security force in Human Town be relieved by a Human/Muto force. While this option has been considered for centuries, with troops so desperately needed to deal with the impact of the Human independence movement that is sweeping the Eastern region, it is very likely that the High Council will now approve the request.

MORE TOWNS DECLARE INDEPENDENCE

APE CITY - Twenty more Human Towns and Villages declared their independence this week, with each joining the new Human confederation.

There are now over 100 Human settlements in both the Northern and Southern territories of the Eastern region that have officially separated themselves from Ape City as a reaction to the failure to reach an agreement in the Farm strike.

While no one has used the words 'revolution' or 'civil war' just yet, many wonder how long until the Human independence movement is defined as such. It has been noted that the Army not yet returned to Ape City from the wastelands, but rather has been stationed throughout the Eastern region in anticipation of military action.

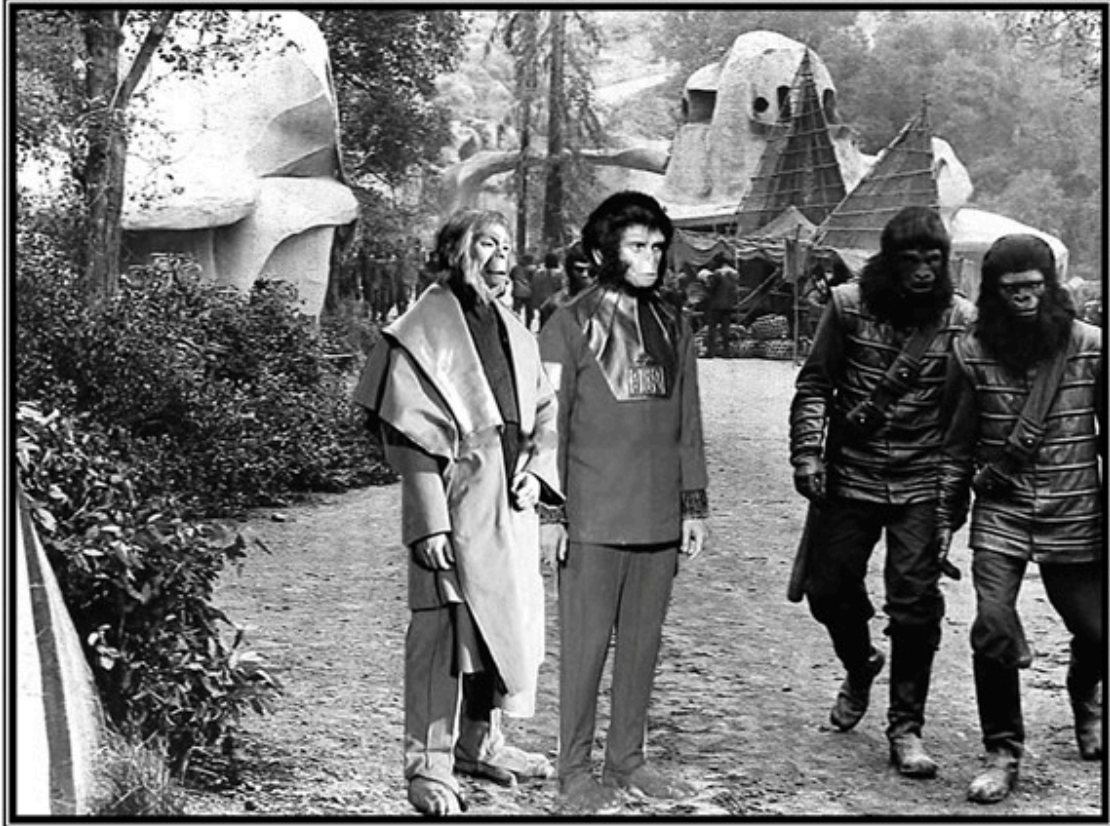
HIGH COUNCIL DEADLOCKED

Unable to Reach Agreement on Military Action

APE CITY - The High Council has failed to decide on whether the Army should be used to quell the Human independence movement. After voting five times on various military plans and options, the High Council remains divided. Haristas and General Titus are in favor of military action. Orly and the new Lawgiver both oppose any action by the Army. They favor allowing the negotiations, that have begun again in Southern City, to conclude.

According to the constitution, the King has the power to break the tie. However, never before has a monarch ordered military action without at least a majority of the High Council supporting the decision. Caesar XVI is considering all options and will make his decision in the next few weeks.

In the meantime, the various members of the Council are lobbying the King in hopes of influencing his decision. Even his harshest political critic, Haristas, was seen talking with Caesar XVI earlier this week.



Caesar XVI conferring with Councilor Haristas

Make-Up of New High Council Disrupts Many Old Alliances

APE CITY - With his closest advisor now relegated to the Deputy Leader position on the Human Town Council, Caesar XVI has had to adjust to new advisors and form some new alliances. So do other members of both the High and Citizen's Council.

The King once relied heavily on the advice of MacDonald, so much so Caesar XVI chose the Human to be Lawgiver. But

since MacDonald's political defeat disqualifies him from serving on the High Council; the King has had to rely more on Lepidus, the new Lawgiver, and General Titus.

General Titus and MacDonald were at one time strong allies, now the General is reaching out to Councilor Haristas. Because Haristas is the Keeper of the Armory, it is to Titus' benefit to have the Orangutan as an ally. Haristas, has had a very strong alliance with Proteus, Deputy of the Gorilla caucus; so an alliance with Titus helps to solidify his power.

Whereas Haristas was once the 'odd one out', that role seems to be now filled by Orly. Being the only Human on the Council is hard enough but Orly is also the first Muto, making him even more isolated.

NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN

SOUTHERN CITY - Delegates have sat down for a new session of negotiations to end the seven month old farm strike and bring many of the farming towns and villages back into the federation.

The farming strike began last summer in protest to the so-called "Crop Tax" levied against Human farmers. When another round of talks to end the strike failed two months ago, fifty Human towns and villages declared their independence. Since then, many more Human settlements have seceded to join the newly formed Human confederation of farming communities.

If these talks fail, military action may result to resolve the conflict.

GENERAL TITUS SHOT & KILLED

APE CITY - During an army training exercise General Titus, the Supreme Commander of the Military, was accidentally shot and killed. The live fire exercise took place at the army's training center a day's ride north of Ape City.

The General had not planned on attending the exercise but changed his mind after the High Council meeting the day before. Some believe Titus was trying to avoid answering questions about the King's vote against military action to put down the Human independence movement. Counselor Haristas commented, "I advised him to get out of town and go to the training center. I feel terrible about this accident".

The exercise was a standard training scenario that uses live ammunition. It is the final test of recruits before they become full fledged soldiers. General Titus had attended this same exercise over a hundred times without incident. While most see this as a tragic accident, some are not so sure. Many wonder how an errant bullet hit the General right between the eyes, killing him instantly. Also, there were rumors that the General had received death threats from the Cult of Aldo. However, Proteus, the Deputy Leader of the Gorilla caucus, who also attended the exercise, said it was a ridiculous charge. The spokesape of Titus' family, Major Ursus, has declined to comment.

General Titus was 46 years old and served on the High Council for 8 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter and 5 grandchildren.



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Proteus: The New Commander of the Simian Army

APE CITY - Proteus, Deputy Leader of the Gorilla caucus, was by law elevated to the post of Supreme Commander of the Military due to the untimely death of General Titus.

While Proteus has no military experience, he has been Chief of the Ape City Police force for over five years. He will serve as the temporary Leader of the Gorilla Caucus and the Army until a new vote is taken at the next month's meeting of the Citizen's Council. After that vote, Caesar XVI will grant Proteus a seat on the High Council and the rank of General as is the tradition.

It is doubtful that Proteus will be opposed for post of Leader of the Gorilla caucus. He has many friends within the caucus and is a very strong ally of Councilor Haristas.

Caesar XVI Votes Against Military Action

APE CITY - The King has cast the deciding vote against using the Army to quell the Human independence movement. In a prepared statement Caesar XVI said, "It is vital that we give the negotiation process time to help resolve this crisis. Military action should be our last resort, not our first response".

The vote in the High Council had been tied with Haristas and the late General Titus favoring some action by the military while Lepidus and Orly both opposed it. Due to the deadlock the King was forced to weigh in on the matter.

Caesar XVI's vote was cast the day before General Titus' death. Many see the King's vote as a contributing factor to the accident, since the General decided to attend the training exercise after being dealt this political defeat.

Haristas immediately issued a statement denouncing Caesar XVI's decision, "Once again this King has shown a lack of leadership and a willingness to coddle criminal Humans". On the other hand, Councilor Orly praised the King for showing both wisdom and restraint in his decision.

At this point only one thing is certain, Caesar XVI has left it up to the talks currently taking place in Southern City to end the crisis. If they are a success, he will look like a visionary. If they are not, the King will look like a fool.

CAESAR XVI IS DEPOSED!

Haristas & Proteus Stage Coup D'état
Caesar, Lawgiver & Ursus Under House Arrest

APE CITY - Caesar, the 20th monarch in the long Caesarian Dynasty, was removed from power this week in a stunning Coup D'état staged by High Council members Haristas and Proteus. Ape City police have placed Caesar and his family under strict house arrest with no visitors allowed. Both the Lawgiver and Colonel Ursus, and their families, have also been placed under strict house arrest. The fifth member of the High Council, Orly, is still in Human Town but a warrant has been issued for his arrest if he should return to Ape City. No decision has yet been made if the Police should go to Human Town to arrest him there.

The conflict started last week when Caesar XVI voted against military action to deal with the Human independence in the territories. Haristas denounced the vote calling it, "one more example of Caesar's lack of leadership".

After the accidental death of General Titus, the situation got worse when many began to claim that the General's death was an assignation by the Cult of Aldo. Rather than silence these crackpots, Caesar formed a commission of inquiry to investigate, headed by Dr. Milo of the National Academy, which infuriated Haristas.

The final straw was Caesar's refusal to grant Proteus the rank of General in his new role



Haristas addressing the Citizen's Council after Coup.

as Supreme Commander of the Army. Instead, Caesar once again broke with tradition by giving operational command of the Army to General Titus' son, Ursus, promoting him from the rank of Major to Colonel, while Proteus was relegated to an oversight role. Both Haristas and Proteus saw this as a serious breach of the constitution and took action. Since Proteus had still not been replaced as Ape City Chief of Police; he used his authority to order the Police to put Caesar under house arrest. When the Lawgiver and Colonel Ursus protested this action, they were placed under house arrest as well. Haristas has assumed the role of acting Lawgiver until the current situation stabilizes. Proteus sent an order to the

Army camp and training center outside the city commanding the troops there to stay in their barracks. Squads of Police, loyal to Proteus, were sent to the camp to make sure that the order was obeyed. Haristas and Proteus are very concerned that several officers still loyal to General Titus might try to free his son, Ursus, and take control of Ape City.

Afterwards Haristas convened an emergency session of the Ape City Citizen's Council. He informed the Council members of Caesar's tyrannical breach of the constitution and of the actions that he and Proteus had taken in response. No vote of support or approval was asked for or held. They were merely informed of the situation and told to return to their homes.

INDEPENDENCE

**Citizen's Council Votes to Secede from Ape City
*Orly Announces Plans to Join Human Confederation***



Citizens gather to watch fireworks celebrating independence.

HUMAN TOWN - The Human Town Citizen's Council voted to secede from Ape City and has declared Human Town an independent city-state. Council Leader Orly also announced his intention for Human Town to join the Confederation that was formed earlier this year by the Human towns and villages in the Eastern region.

The vote by the Citizen's Council was prompted by events in Ape City last week when Caesar XVI was deposed by hard-line members of the High Council. After a warrant was issued for the arrest of Leader Orly, it was feared that the new regime in Ape City would not respect Human Town's sovereignty.

The Council debate was much shorter than expected. Most of the small Humans and Mutos farmers supported the call for independence. The only real opposition was from the rich plantation owning families.

When the measure passed, the

Council announced it to the people immediately. Soon after many spontaneous celebrations began all around Human Town culminating in a big fireworks display in that went late into the night.

The next day, the Council took quick action to defend Human Town in case Ape City tries to launch any aggressive action. It has been less than a month since the Simian garrison was withdrawn; so the new Human security force is not fully formed yet. The Council has instituted a draft of all young men who will immediately start training to defend Human Town. The armory has been opened and all firearms that are not needed by the security forces are being distributed to every farm, big and small.

The next step is membership in the new Human Confederation. Their representatives have been invited to Human Town for the negotiations that will start that process.

OLD FAMILIES ALL OPPOSED INDEPENDENCE

HUMAN TOWN - All of the old and rich families opposed independence during the debate in the Human Town Citizen's Council. The Kelly's, Keen's, MacDonald's and others stood unified against the proposal to secede from Ape City.

While all voiced their concerns and objections, MacDonald was the main spokesman for the opposition. The former Lawgiver spoke of the 600 years of peace and prosperity that has been achieved by what he called the partnership of Ape City and Human Town.

He warned that there could be dire consequences for every Human by separating from Ape City. MacDonald noted that for centuries the Military and the Police have been the exclusive province of the Gorillas. He said that the Human security forces were ill equipped and too inexperienced to take on the Ape Army should secession result in civil war.

Proteus Accused of Ties to 'Cult of Aldo'

HUMAN TOWN - Orly has accused the Ape City High Council having ties to the 'Cult of Aldo'. The secret society is suspected of training the tribal, carnivorous Gorillas to raid Human farms and staging the jailbreak of those Apes a few weeks ago. Orly said the he has uncovered proof that Proteus is a descendent of Aldo and that the 'Cult' killed General Titus.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH HUMANS BREAKDOWN

SOUTHERN CITY - The latest round of talks to end both the Farm strike and the Human Secession movement failed this week with no resolution on either front, and no resumption of negotiations planned. The talks had been proceeding well with progress being made on both major and many of the minor issues. However, in the last several weeks certain events worked to derail that progress.

The first was the arrival of new delegates from Human Town sent by Orly after he defeated MacDonald for the Leadership of the Human Town Citizen's Council. These new delegates made several new demands that stalled the talks. Delegates from the other Human Towns and Villages allowed these very aggressive negotiators take the lead but all they were able to accomplish was to set back most of the progress that had previously been made in the early days of the talks..

The second blow was the Coup in Ape City. When news of it reached here, the Ape delegates were no longer sure that they were empowered to make any deals. The negotiations were suspended and were ultimately canceled.

With no new round of talks in sight the delegates have all left Southern City and returned to their homes. When new talks will start is unknown.

Human Town Secession Declared Illegal

APE CITY - The Ministry of Justice has declared that Human Town's intention to secede from Ape City and become independent is illegal. In a 20 page opinion issued by the National Academy, it is stated that while other Human communities retained their rights to become independent because they were originally founded as autonomous city-states, Human Town was formed in the Ape City constitution; therefore, it has no right of self-determination.

A dissenting opinion was issued with the official Ministry opinion. It states that no community has the right to secede since the treaties they signed when these towns and villages joined the Federation 600 years ago had no provision that allowed for secession.

COUNCIL ALLOWS MILITARY ACTION

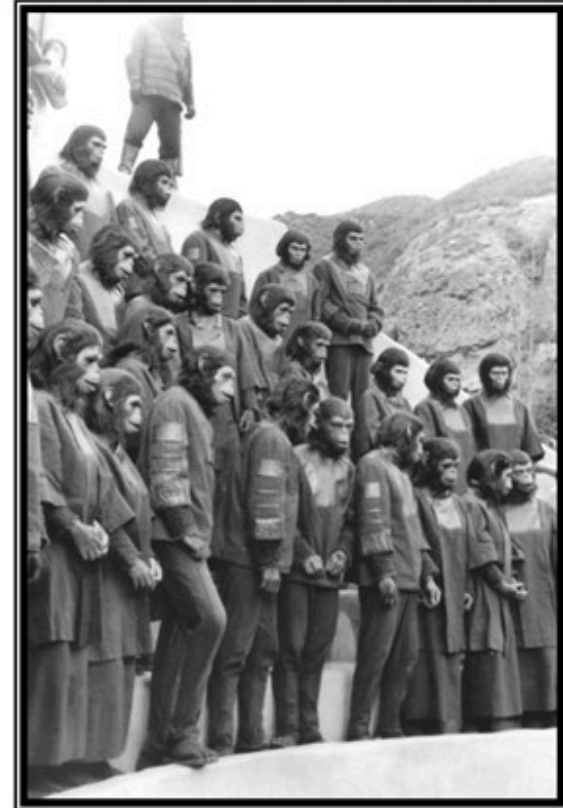
Army Will Be Used To End The Crisis

APE CITY - This Citizen's Council voted earlier this week to allow the Army to be used to end both the Farm strike and the Secession crises. The vote was unanimous with members of all three Simian species in agreement. Even the pacifist Chimpanzee caucus supported the military action resolution.

Usually the use of the army is province of the High Council, but since the fall of Caesar XVI and the house arrest of the Lawgiver, it was decided to have the Citizen's Council vote on the issue to preserve our long held democratic ideals.

The acting Lawgiver, Haristas, called for the special meeting when news reached Ape City that the talks in Southern City to end the Farm strike and the Human Secession movement had failed.

The special meeting was held under very tight security due to recent events. Proteus arranged for three squads of police to surround the amphitheater in Ape City. Security was so tight even the Council members were searched before they could enter the amphitheater.



*The Chimpanzee caucus rises
to support the resolution.*

Once the meeting began, the acting Lawgiver introduced the resolution and opened the floor for debate. Proteus then spoke for over an hour on the reasons why military action is needed. Several other members spoke in support of Proteus. Not a single member rose to speak against the resolution.

On a side note, two members of the Chimpanzee caucus became ill during the meeting and had to leave early. Gorilla police escorted them to their homes.

Once the vote was taken and the resolution approved, the meeting was adjourned. The vote was hailed as historic by the acting Lawgiver. Proteus said that it was the first step in preserving the Simian way of life which has been under attack since the old Lawgiver died last year.

Now that use of the Army is allowed, the only question is when, where and how the Army can end the crises. It is hoped that it can be done with a minimum of bloodshed.

HUMAN SECESSIONISTS LAUNCH SURPRISE ATTACK

Simian Army Camps and Towns Under Siege

Hostilities Break Out On Several Different Fronts

SOUTHERN CITY - In a bold series of surprise attacks in the Northern and Southern regions, Human Secessionists launched a first strike offensive in what may be the beginning of a civil war.

The dawn raids first targeted a several of military camps in the Southern region. It was at these camps that the Army had been regrouping after the disastrous campaign in the wastelands earlier this year. The soldiers stationed at these camps were completely taken by surprised, suffering many casualties.

As the Army was still reeling from the first round of attacks, a new series of attacks were launched targeting Simian Towns and Villages throughout both the Northern and Southern regions. These attacks focused on local town armories. They were raided and emptied by Human troops.

Many have felt that hostilities were a natural reaction to the vote by the Council approving use of the Army to quell the



Human secessionists prepare to launch another attack

Human secession movement. However, others point out that these raids must have been in planning for many weeks, and possibly months, due to the high level of coordination that was involved.

Tactically the operation was brilliant in that it neutralized the two biggest advantages held by Simians: the superior numbers of the Army and the advantage in arms that was held by Ape armories.

For the moment, both sides are on an equal footing; so now the only question is how much bloodshed will there be before this conflict is over.

ACTING LAWGIVER SAYS VIOLENCE WAS INEVITABLE

APE CITY - In an official statement released by the High Council, Haristas, the acting Lawgiver, says that the recent outbreak of violence was not only unavoidable but inevitable from the day that the farming strike began last year. The statement goes on to say the strike and the secessionist movement that it sparked was inevitable as well.

Haristas, who has a reputation of being very hostile in his dealings with Humans, blames the crisis on what he calls 'Human Rabble-rousers' such as Muto leader Orly and the coddling of Humans by the Caesar dynasty. Haristas has denounced Caesar the Great for putting peace with Humans ahead of the best interests of his fellow Apes and holds all of his successors responsible for continuing down, what he calls, the same flawed and disastrous path for centuries.

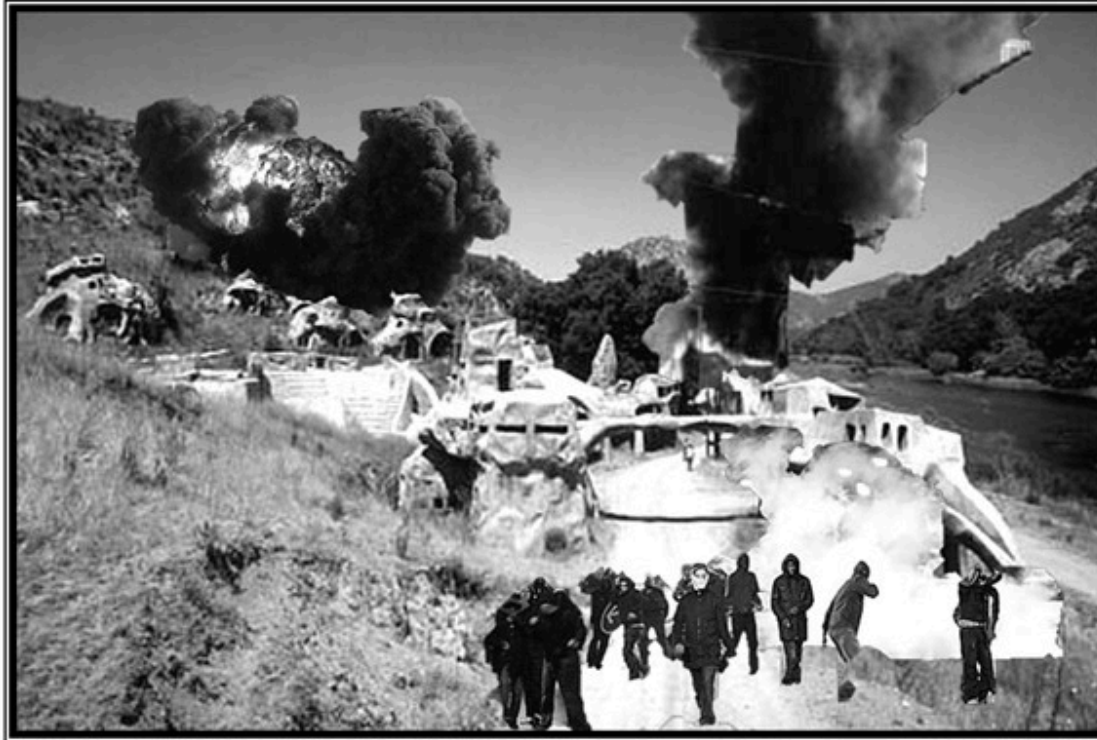
Crown Prince Has Escaped House Arrest

APE CITY - The former King's eldest son, Prince Caesar, 17, has escaped the family's house arrest. His absence was discovered during one of the weekly Police inspections inside the house.

The Caesar family has been under house arrest since Caesar XVI was deposed. Police were stationed surrounding their home so it is a mystery as to how the crown prince escaped. The former King and his younger son, Lucius, are still in the house and have both been questioned.

Police are searching homes in the area in a vain effort to find the younger Caesar. It is suspected that his escape was engineered by an insurgent group that is still loyal to Caesar XVI and that this is part of a grand plot to put him back into power.

SOUTHERN CITY FALLS



Southern City during the battle with Secessionists.

Colony Captured by Human Rebels

APE CITY - The colony of Southern City has fallen to the forces of Human Secessionists after a two week siege.

The rebels first attacked the colony 16 days ago. Despite the local garrison being caught off guard, they were able to hold off the invaders. Human forces surrounded the city and settled in for a long siege.

The garrison hoped that the Army would be able to help to fight off the Humans invaders. Unfortunately the Ape Army has been stretched thin due to the surprise attacks in the first days of the war. Gorilla forces have been divided between the Northern and Southern regions protecting smaller Ape villages as well as the reflector network in the wastelands.

Experts felt that Southern City was too big an objective for the Human Secessionist to attempt but now it seems that is was their primary objective and that their other attacks were all just diversions meant to draw Ape

forces away from the colony.

The Human Secessionists have declared Southern City the capital of the newly founded Human Confederation.

HUMAN TOWN REMAINS NEUTRAL

HUMAN TOWN - The local Citizen's Council has voted to not join the Confederation and stay neutral during the current conflict. Leader Orly favored joining the Confederation but lost the vote since many on the Council do not want to join the hostilities. This is the first vote that Orly has lost since he took power.

However, because the issue of Human Town's independence has not been resolved since the it was found unconstitutional; any vote taken by its Citizen's Council is considered to be an academic exercise at best.

Caesar XVI To Be Put on Trial

APE CITY - The office of the acting Lawgiver has announced that the deposed King will be stand trial for a lengthy list of crimes against Apekind. The trial will be conducted by the National Academy with the Ministry of Justice prosecuting Caesar XVI.

The exact list of crimes has yet to be released but it is sure to include the violations of the constitution that led the former King being removed from power several months ago.

Since Caesar XVI is under house arrest, he was not able to comment. However, if found guilty; he will no longer be confined to his own home but will be transferred to a labor camp for hardened criminals. The acting Lawgiver, Haristas, was available for comment and stated, "Apes respect the rule of law and this trial will prove that deposing Caesar was both legal and justified".

Many feel the timing of this announcement was due to the escape of Prince Caesar from house arrest. The former heir apparent is still at large. This trial may be an effort to force Caesar XVI to reveal the whereabouts of his eldest son and/or force the young Chimp out of hiding.

Because Caesar XVI and his two sons never abdicated and renounced their claim to power; it is feared that they may try to restore the Caesar dynasty one day.

ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR SIMIAN ARMY

Human Secessionists Victorious Again

WAR ZONE - The Ape Army has been dealt another defeat by the Human Secessionist forces. The battle took place just 300 miles southwest of Ape City as Simian forces tried once again to get a foothold in the Southern region, that is now completely controlled by the rebels.

Since the beginning of the war the Human forces have won victory after victory against the Ape Army, including the battle of Southern City which is now the Secessionist capital. Some minor victories have been won in the Northern region but there have been several defeats too. So far the once great Ape Army has been routed by an inexperienced Human militia.

According to military experts there are several reasons for this:

- In most battles, the Human forces have outnumbered Simian forces.
- The Humans are fighting close to home and know the terrain while the Ape Army is operating at the end of a



The new fort that will be the winter home of the Army.

long supply line.

- The armories in most towns and villages were raided early in the war; thus most rebels are as well armed as the Simian military.
- The Ape Army had not yet regrouped from the long campaign in the Wastelands.
- Shake-up in the top ranks of the Army due to the death of General Titus.

It is hoped that General Proteus can whip the Army into shape before the spring campaign.

Army Retreats to Winter Quarters

FORT VIRGIL - The Army will get a chance to regroup when it moves into its new winter quarters this week. The new fort, named for the first Lawgiver, is a state of the art military facility that is guaranteed to keep our troops safe and warm through the long winter months, and help retrain them for the spring campaign. General Proteus, Supreme Commander of the Simian Military, personally pushed the authorization for the new fort through the High Council and oversaw its building. "I think both Officers and enlisted Apes will be amazed at the facilities here", said the General.

Because it is a time of war the exact location of the Fort can not be revealed. But it is in a border area very close to the front. In the unlikely event that the Humans launch an attack during the winter, the Army is well positioned to respond very quickly.

TRIAL OF CAESAR XVI FINALLY BEGINS

APE CITY - After several delays the trial of the deposed king will finally begin this week. Caesar XVI is facing over fifty charges that include violations of the constitution, both minor and major, as well as what are being called crimes against Apekind.

It was first thought that the charges were to put pressure on Caesar XVI to reveal the whereabouts of his still missing eldest son, the former prince Caesar, who escaped from house arrest several months ago. However, Haristas, the acting Lawgiver, has stated on several occasions that the trial is necessary out of respect for the rule of law. He claims that the former King abused his power which is the reason why he was deposed. Now Caesar XVI must take responsibility for his many crimes.

The trial will be held at the National Academy and will not be open to the public. A transcript will be released every week and will be reprinted in The Ape.

SURRENDER!

Rebel Forces Surround Army at Fort Virgil **Cut Off From Help, Proteus Forced to Capitulate**

FORT VIRGIL - The Simian Army was forced to surrender to Human Secessionist forces that had surrounded them here at the Army's winter quarters.

The location of Fort Virgil was a top military secret known only to the High Council and a few select Army commanders. Even the troops housed here did not know the exact location until they marched here for the winter. Thus, it is a mystery as to how the Human Rebels were able to find the fort.

But the Secessionists did find it and amassed a huge army that surrounded Fort Virgil in the dead of night. When the troops awoke the next morning, they found that their lookouts had been captured and received an ultimatum from the Rebels' commander: surrender or Fort Virgil would be set on fire with the Ape army inside it. General Proteus was given until noon to respond to their ultimatum.

The General consulted with his top commanders to analyze the situation. They determined the Army was completely cut off from all outside help and that it would suffer massive casualties if they attempted a fighting break out from the fort.

With no hope of escape and even less of defeating the Human troops that had them surrounded, General Proteus had the white flag raised. The rebel commanders were invited into the fort and the General signed the surrender treaty. The Army was disarmed by the Humans and allowed to return to their homes. General Proteus will remain a prisoner until the final peace treaty is ratified.



General Proteus reflecting after surrendering to Secessionists.

How was the Ape Army Defeated?

APE CITY - Military analysts are opining the defeat of the Simian Army at the hands of inexperienced Human forces.

Most agree that the two main factors were superior tactics and intelligence and the sheer numbers of the Secessionist forces. Thus, the Army was overwhelmed on a qualitative and a quantitative basis.

The Humans had twice as many soldiers in field, each as well armed as their Simian counterparts. Plus, the rebels anticipated every move of the Army and planned brilliant counterstrikes.

Some feel that the many recent upheavals in the leadership of the Army is to blame. But most others state that despite the change in leadership; the Ape Army was never trained for this type of warfare.

THE NEW WORLD ORDER

APE CITY - The final treaty has yet to be signed, but with the surrender of Ape military forces there is now a new and very different world order from that which has existed for the last 600 years.

Instead of one nation made up of both Simian and Human towns and villages, there will now be two. How these two political entities will interact has yet to be seen. The new Human Confederation is still forming. While it has been very successful in war, it is still untested in peace.

The Ape nation has existed for 600 years but it faces many challenges. The current High Council is an emergency body formed after Caesar XVI was deposed last year. Rewriting the constitution was postponed due to the war. That now has to be done very quickly to restore democratic government.

Another big question is the fate of Human Town. Before the war began, it had declared its independence and intentions to join the Human Confederation. But, the Ministry of Justice declared that unconstitutional, so Human Town remained a neutral and open city during the war, selling food and other supplies to both sides.

These and many more issues will confront our society and government in the years ahead. It is how we address them and all the unforeseen problems yet to come that will determine if Simian civilization can thrive in this new world.

CAESAR XVI NOT GUILTY

Deposed King Exonerated of All Crimes

APE CITY - The trial of the deposed king, Caesar XVI, came to an end with a verdict of not guilty for the many high crimes for which he was charged. While this absolves Caesar of criminal wrongdoing, it does not reverse the political verdict reached by the Citizen's Council that the former King had violated the constitution on numerous occasions, justifying his removal from power.

This is significant defeat for the emergency government, led by acting Lawgiver Haristas, that was formed when Caesar XVI was deposed last year.

After the National Academy announced the verdict on all 68 counts in the indictment against Caesar, the Minister of Justice made the following statement, "This verdict proves to all that justice still prevails in Ape City. While it was painful to put a former leader on trial, it needed to be done so every Ape could see that none is above the law". Caesar XVI was asked to for a comment but declined.

It was hoped that a verdict of



**The Minister of Justice making
a statement about the verdict.**

guilty would force Caesar to reveal the details of his son's escape and whereabouts. But the former King has repeatedly stated he does not know where his oldest son is or how the young Chimp escaped.

The verdict means the end of house arrest for Caesar and his young son Lucius as well as for Lepidus and Major Ursus. While they are legally barred from resuming their previous positions, they all are citizens and will retain their rights as citizens. However, many want that Major Ursus reinstated to his rank and position in the military in order to help rebuild the Ape Army after its recent defeat in the war.

PROTEUS' PLAN TO REBUILD ARMY

APE CITY - Commander of the Simian Military, General Proteus, has unveiled a plan to rebuild the Gorilla Army after their defeat in the war. Proteus has proposed recruiting troops from primitive Ape tribes. This would have a twofold benefit of finally civilizing the tribes and providing very fierce and able warriors for our defense.

The second part of the plan would re-arm the Army which was forced to abandon all its equipment after the surrender at Fort Virgil. Proteus has proposed a mutual defense treaty with the newly formed Alliance of Simian Villages. Most of these villages still have intact armories since they took no offensive role in the war. But many are wary of the Alliance. There are many rumors that its leaders are members of the mysterious 'Cult of Aldo'.

Peace Treaty Talks Begin

SOUTHERN CITY - Delegates began negotiations on a formal peace treaty to officially end the civil war. While a military victory was achieved weeks ago, the Humans insisted on a treaty to formally recognize the new Human Confederation.

In addition to the delegation from Ape City, the Humans also invited delegations from both Human Town and from the recently formed Alliance of Simian Villages in the north to take part in the peace talks.

With their defeat of the Ape Army, the Humans can dictate the all terms of the treaty. However, in order to ensure a lasting peace; they would be wise to make some concessions in the negotiations. There are many highly sensitive issues that need to be resolved in terms of territorial rights and sovereignty. There is also the problem of refugees from both Human and Simian towns, who were displaced during the war. A plan for the exchange of prisoners of war from both side needs to be agreed upon as well. The status of Southern City is at issue as well.

The chief negotiator for the Ape City delegation is Doctor Honorius, an Orangutan from the Ministry of History of the National Academy. He was chosen personally by Haristas to lead the delegation and is a very scholarly Simian.

The lead delegate from Human Town is Shepard, who unlike Orly's other deputies is known for being a very somber and fair-minded Muto.

While Human Town stayed neutral during the war, Orly has long wanted it to join the new Human Confederation. However, Honorius has let it be known that Ape City would find such an alliance totally unacceptable and that it would jeopardize the passage of the final peace treaty.

Peace Treaty is Signed

SOUTHERN CITY - Delegates have completed and signed the peace treaty that officially ends the civil war. After months of talks the final text of the treaty was agreed to by all of the delegates earlier this week.

The treaty officially recognizes the Human Confederation of Farming Towns and Villages, and the new Alliance of Simian Towns. The treaty also grants Human Town the status of an independent city-state. (See sidebar for details.)

The biggest question the treaty resolves is territorial rights in the Eastern region. The Human and Simian towns that make-up the Confederation and Alliance are spread throughout both the North and South. The talks were deadlocked on this issue for many weeks. It was Dr. Honorius, the leader of Ape City's delegation, who finally came up with a solution.

All territory south of the river Mandemus (about 100 miles south of Ape City) will be the governed by the Confederation. The lands north of the Marcus Mountains (60 miles north of Ape City) will be the territory of the Alliance. The lands in between, except Human Town, are the domain of Ape City.

The key to making this plan work is the exchange program. All Human farms and towns in the North will switch with all Simian farms and towns that are in the South. The logistics and mechanics of the exchange program have yet to be worked out, but the migration of both populations is expected to take three years.

The Human Town delegation voiced the only objection to the plan stating that since Humans in the North outnumber Apes in the South, there will be a great disparity in the exchange. But the Confederation delegates felt any problems could be resolved with little or no trouble.



*Honorius, the leader of the
Ape City treaty delegation.*

NEW STATUS FOR HUMAN TOWN

HUMAN TOWN - The new peace treaty recognizes Human Town as an independent city-state ending the dispute with Ape City's National Academy over the community's status.

Initially, Ape City's delegation to the treaty talks objected to granting Human Town any form of independence. But, Honorius finally agreed to it when a provision forbidding Human Town from joining the Confederation was inserted in to the treaty.

For the leader of the Human Town delegation, Sheppard, independence was the primary goal. However, while many are celebrating independence, Orly and others think too much was negotiated away to achieve that goal. Their concern is that since Human Town is forever barred from joining the Human Confederation, it will have very limited leverage in any future disputes.

Also, due to the territorial agreement in the treaty, Human Town finds itself between the territory of the new Alliance of Simian Towns to the north and that of Ape City to the south and west with a large desert to the east. Thus, it is cut off from the Confederation, it's natural ally. However, many in Human Town think these concerns are just Orly's paranoid anxieties.

Proposal for New Simian Constitution

APE CITY - The emergency government has proposed that a new Simian Constitution be written to replace the current one which has been in effect for over 600 years, since the time of Caesar the Great.

Haristas, the acting Lawgiver, argues that the old Constitution was based on a monarchy that no longer exists. He also points out that Human Town was an integral part of the Constitution and since Human Town is now an independent city-state; many revisions are needed to recognize the new world order.

Many have advocated a new Constitution for many years, stating that many provisions were antiquated and written for a different era. Others argued that the old Constitution was written to be flexible enough to adjust to changing times. But with the new realities of the world after the coup and the civil war; the proponents of a rewrite have won the day.

The proposal of the emergency government requires that each caucus to the Citizen's Council nominate five of members to represent their species at a constitutional convention to be held by the National Academy. Ministers of the Academy will chair all the meetings of the convention but will have not voting power over the final provisions. Only those chosen as representatives from the Citizen's Council are allowed to vote, with the final draft needing a two thirds majority of the Council to be ratified.

The convention will be held as soon as the treaty delegation returns from Southern City and the representatives from the Chimpanzee, Orangutan and Gorilla caucuses are chosen. The convention is expected to last several months with final ratification scheduled to be voted on in about a year.

COUNCIL RATIFIES NEW CONSTITUTION



Citizen's Council debating the new Constitution before vote.

Relocation and Exchange Program Proceeding Ahead of Schedule

SOUTHERN CITY - The exchange program agreed to in the peace treaty with the Human Confederation last year is proceeding ahead of schedule. It was originally estimated that the relocation of Apes to the North and Humans to the South would take at least three years. Nevertheless, the Simian side of the effort is on track to be completed within the next four months.

Observers say that the most of the Apes living in the South were more eager to leave the region than Humans living in the North. Most Apes that have settled here only did so in the last few generations while many of the Humans have been living in the same towns, and on the same farms for many centuries. Some even prior to the time of Caesar the Great.

Sheer numbers have also played a part. There are three times as many Humans in the

North that need to be moved than Apes in the South. Thus, the relocation has been that much quicker.

Hopefully the difference in numbers will not cause any friction. Already as part of the relocation program, several farms in the North are being consolidated for a single Ape family while farms in the South need to be divided to for two or three Human families.

One issue causing friction is the route to Central City. The passage through the wastelands starts in the Southern region. The treaty allows for Apes to access, but the Army may not accompany them. Yet, due to Mutants in the wastelands; the route is not passable without the Army's protection.

PASSED WITH DIVIDED VOTE

APE CITY - The new Simian Constitution was passed today with a divided vote in the Ape City Citizen's Council. Despite almost half of the Chimpanzee caucus and a quarter of the Orangutan caucus voting no on ratification, it was still able to muster the required two-thirds majority needed to pass.

The new Constitution provides sweeping change to our system of government. Gone is the old High Council. Executive power is now vested in the National Academy with a new position of President to be voted on yearly by the Citizen's Council, similar to the procedure for Ministers of the Academy.

The Citizen's Council will still have the authority to declare war, approve treaties, raise taxes, etc.; but many of the day to day responsibilities will be shifted to the Academy.

The Lawgiver's role has also been changed. The Lawgiver will still chair the Citizen's Council, but other than that the position will now be more of a figurehead. The Citizen's Council has voted for Haristas to fill the role and declared that his term will be for life.

New Series of Raids on Human Farms

HUMAN TOWN - For the first time in over two years, farms here were raided by primitive tribal Gorillas.

The local sheriff has sworn to capture the culprits as quickly as possible.

CONTACT LOST WITH APE CITY



Part of the caravan of Gorilla troopers who were ordered to return from the wastelands.

CENTRAL CITY - All contact has been lost with the Eastern Region and thus, Ape City. The Gorilla troopers who were maintaining and working the old reflector network in the wastelands for the past three years have been ordered to abandon their posts and return to Central City.

Contact had become sporadic after troops from Ape City were forced to withdraw from the wastelands to deal with an uprising of Human villages in the Eastern region. The Ape City military lost that conflict last year and entrance to the route through the wastelands is now in territory controlled by the new Human Confederation. The reflector network is along that route.

From the last few incomplete messages that were received it

appears the Humans refused passage of the Simian military through their territory to open the route and maintain the old reflector network. There have been no new messages received from the East for four months. Because of the impracticality of maintaining the network and route without an equal effort from the East, it was decided to bring the troops home. The Eastern and Western regions are now completely cut off from each other.

HIGH COUNCIL EXERTS GREATER CONTROL OVER HUMAN TOWNS

CENTRAL CITY - The High Council has adopted several laws that give it more direct control over Human towns and villages in the Western region. Opponents say these laws have the potential of making Human populations slaves to the whims of the High Council.

Councilor Yalu, spokesperson for the High Council, stated that the new laws were needed to prevent events similar to those that have occurred in the East, such as the general strike among Human farmers that led to the revolt and the secession crisis.

"We've seen the warning signs in the East", said Yalu, "and we are not going to let the same thing happen here".

Humans will still elect their own local councils to enact and enforce local laws. However, local Prefects will be directly appointed by the High Council to administer national laws. Prefects will have a Gorilla garrison assigned to each town to assist in dealing with local Human populations.

Ancient Ruins Declared Unsafe and Off-Limits

NUMAY - Scientists and Engineers have examined the ruins of the ancient cities in the area and declared that they are very unsafe and should remain off-limits to both Humans and Simians.

These cities have been abandoned for centuries mainly due to the risk of radiation poisoning. But radiation levels have drastically fallen in the last hundred years. It was hoped that some areas of these cities could be reclaimed. However, the most of the buildings are very unstable, making them unsafe for habitation.

Search for the Crown Prince Continues

APE CITY - Next week marks the three years since former Crown Prince, Caesar, escaped house arrest and went missing. Despite the trail going cold long ago, the authorities have continued the search for the young Chimpanzee, now 21 years old.

Many officials thought that the younger Caesar would return when his father was acquitted of high crimes two years ago, but he has remained in hiding. His father, the deposed king, is questioned periodically by the police, but he maintains that he does not know his son's current whereabouts. Even Caesar's 12 year old brother, Lucius, has been questioned several times by authorities in their quest to find a lead to his location.

Police sources say that they would like to move the case to the inactive list; however, the Lawgiver insists that they keep searching until Caesar is found.

UNREST REPORTED IN HUMAN CONFEDERATION

SOUTHERN CITY - There are several reports of discontent and unrest in many towns and villages in the Confederation. The problem stems from many inequities in the relocation and exchange programs.

While the territory held by the Confederation is almost three times as large as the land in the North that was conceded in the treaty. There were five times as many Humans in the North than Apes in the South that needed to be relocated. Thus, there were not enough Simian farms and villages that could be exchanged. This has caused overcrowding in many towns and disputes among family members regarding land and farming rights that have yet to be resolved.

APE ARMY RESTORED



The Army's newest recruits on maneuvers.

Military Achieves Goal A Year Early

APE CITY - General Proteus announced this week that the ranks of the Army have been fully restored. This goal was reached over a full year ahead of the deadline imposed by the Citizen's Council after the war. At that time, the ranks of the Army had been depleted due to losses in the war. The Humans disarmed Gorilla soldiers when they surrendered and sent the Apes home to their villages.

After the war General Proteus, Commander of the Military, presented a plan to rebuild the Army to the Citizen's Council. That plan involved recruiting new foot soldiers from several primitive Simian tribes and forging an agreement with the Alliance of Simian Villages to use their armories to replace the lost equipment.

There was much debate about the plan in the Council. Those who opposed the plan feared that Apes from the primitive

tribes could never be civilized enough to serve in a highly regulated environment such as the Army. There was also much distrust of the Alliance of Simian Villages stemming from rumors that its leaders were members of the 'Cult of Aldo'. Due to these concerns Proteus was given specific goals and a deadline of three years to achieve them.

General Proteus has silenced all his critics by reaching all goals early. The tribal Gorillas have quickly adapted to the military lifestyle. Although there are still sporadic raids on the farms in Human Town; they have greatly decreased since this program started.

Also, in addition to the arms obtained from the Alliance, the General began a program to build new guns and weapons rather than rely only on the old armories. The Army used these new guns on recent maneuvers.

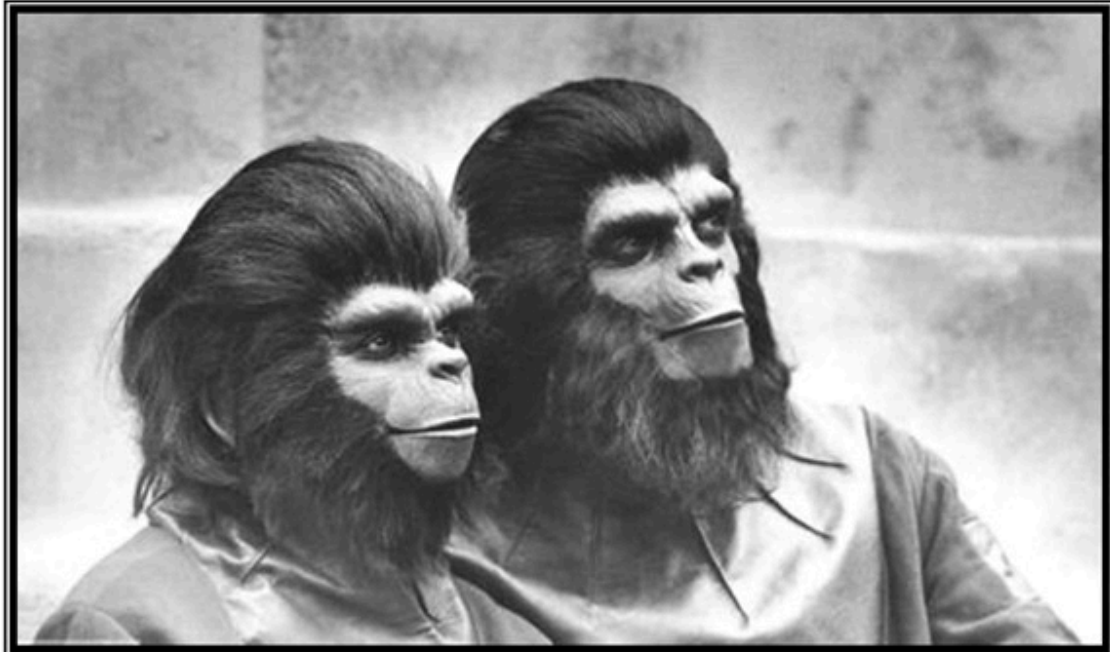
CHAOS IN THE CONFEDERATION

Refuges Tell Horror Stories

APE CITY - Violent disputes, public riots and general chaos has broken out throughout the Human Confederation in the Southern region. Most refuges tell the same terrible stories; brothers killing each other for their farmland, roving gangs who kill for food or money or even just for fun and a civil government in Southern City that is unable to cope with any of these problems.

The unrest there began when the exchange program was completed. Because the Simian population that migrated from the South was less than one fifth the size of Human population that emigrated from the North, there just weren't enough homes and farms to go around. The largest estates were split up which caused land disputes even within the same families. Villages and towns became overcrowded leading to many becoming homeless and then having to join a gang to survive.

The few Simians still living in the Confederation were the first victims of these gangs. One victim was Quinctius, an Ape merchant who did not want to give up his business or his estate near Southern City. After he was targeted, the authorities became so overwhelmed; they could no longer guarantee the safety of Quinctius' family. That was when the Chimp gave up everything to get his family to safety in the North. They traveled on a secret trail with



Quinctius and his wife, refuges from the Human Confederation.

other Simians refuges to avoid roaming Human gangs. When the family reached Ape City, they were taken in by some relatives here. Their oldest son has enrolled in the National Academy to study archeology. Even before many Simians fled, Humans were already turning on each other. The local government is still trying to cope with the situation but it seems to be out of control.

Some of the Simian refugees have petitioned the National Academy asking that the Army intervene but were refused. The Academy stated the military would defend our borders but anything else was an internal issue of the Confederation. Any intervention would be a violation of the peace treaty.

'CULT OF ALDO' COMES OUT OF THE SHADOWS

APE CITY - Several highly ranked Gorilla leaders from the Alliance of Simian Villages have revealed themselves to be members of the mysterious 'Cult of Aldo'. They issued a joint statement claiming that the Cult while secretive is not a terrorist organization but seeks to celebrate the greatness of Apekind.

While these Gorillas have gone public, they refused to identify the very mysterious Grand Commander of the Cult said to be a direct descendant of Aldo, the Gorilla leader who was one of the founders of Ape City.

Raids Prompt Formal Complaint

HUMAN TOWN - Recent raids by carnivorous tribal Gorillas on local farms has prompted the Human Town Citizen's Council to issue a formal complaint to the National Academy. Council leader Orly stated that the government of Ape City has failed to fulfill their peace treaty obligations to police and civilize these primitive Simian tribes.

However, the number of raids has drop substantially in recent years and many think Orly is just trying to stir up a fake controversy.

COUNCIL SENDS ARMY INTO HUMAN CONFEDERATION TO RESTORE ORDER



Army marches out of Ape City on its way south to the Human Confederation.

APE CITY - The Citizen's Council voted this week to send the Army into the Human Confederation to restore order. The Chimpanzee caucus voted 'No' but they were overruled by the Gorillas and Orangutans all voting for military action.

There have been reports for months about the situation in the Confederation descending into chaos. The government there has collapsed with many different factions fighting a civil war. Simian refugees have streamed into Ape City with stories of roving Human gangs who kill for sport, lust or greed. Now several Warlords have emerged, who are fighting each other for dominance.

In recent months the situation

has gotten out of control with the violence spilling over the border into Simian territory. Several Human gangs invaded some Ape towns on the border and were pursued by rival gangs. While there have been no Simian casualties, property damage has been very high. Thus, the Ape City Council decided it was time to act.

The Lawgiver supported the measure and actively lobbied for it. In his speech to the full Council before the vote the Lawgiver said, "Humans have shown how poorly they can govern themselves. Now it is up to Apes to move in and clean up their mess".

General Proteus also supported military intervention and stated

that Gorilla Army was ready to face any challenge. Ironically, Proteus will not be leading the Army on this mission. He has been sidelined by a back injury sustained during a recent riding accident.

Colonel Ursus has been placed in command of the Army for this operation. This is the first field command for the son of the late General Titus and he is confident that his forces can achieve all major goal within a few weeks.

Orly Protests Military Action

HUMAN TOWN - Orly, the Leader of the Citizen's Council here, has lodged an official protest over the Ape Army's action to restore order in the Human Confederation.

The protest statement was voted on and approved by the Council. It states, "Ape City's military intervention is an overt act of war against a sovereign nation that has not or does not threaten the security of Ape City or it's allies".

Neither the Lawgiver or the National Academy has issued a response to the protest.

'Cult of Aldo' Officially Recognized

APE CITY - The National Academy announced this week that the once outlawed 'Cult of Aldo' is now officially recognized as a legitimate Simian fraternal service organization. As one Minister commented, "Aldo was a significant figure in our history who has been unfairly vilified for over 650 years. It is time Aldo is honored for his contribution as the first Ape to say 'No' to a Human and to allow those who revere him for it to do so openly".

It has been a long road for the once shadowy and secretive group to receive recognition. The first step was last year when many officials of the Alliance of Simian Villages revealed their membership in the Cult. Next was when the centuries old ban on the organization was lifted by the Citizen's Council last year.

APE ARMY ENTERS SOUTHERN CITY



Gorilla troops march into Human Confederation capital.

SOUTHERN CITY - The Ape Army finally reached Southern City this week. After a long trek through the desolation of the Human Confederation, the troops were relieved to enter its capitol city.

As with the many towns and villages the Army encountered on their journey, Southern City showed the devastation of the civil war among the Humans. The very few buildings left standing were abandoned. The bodies of many dead Humans were left decomposing in the streets.

Colonel Ursus has set up a his headquarters in the city, from here he plans to impose law and order throughout the whole Southern region. Garrisons left in the few remaining towns and villages will be coordinated from here using the reflector network which the Army was able to repair and reactivate.

The goal for the Army now to rebuild the vital institutions and infrastructure that will bring civilization back to the region. Part of that goal is to find and help all the Human survivors. Unfortunately, the Humans that

the troopers have encountered are living in the wilderness like savages. As one trooper put it, "These Humans survived the orgy of violence in the towns and cities. They were lucky to escape and are afraid to come back. They rather live in the wild like animals".

It is estimated that it will take many years to rebuild the Southern Region. While there were few Simian casualties, the death toll among Humans is estimated to be in the tens of thousands.

Colonel Ursus reflects, "It is very sad. The Humans fought so hard for their independence and once they won freedom, they destroyed themselves in only seven years".

Proteus Admits Leadership of 'Cult of Aldo'

APE CITY - In a surprising and unexpected announcement, General Proteus admitted that he is the Grand Master of the 'Cult of Aldo'. Additionally, Proteus revealed that he is a direct descendant of Aldo, the legendary Gorilla who was one of the founders of our city and civilization.

Proteus states that for many generations, he and his family have had to hide their bloodline due to the stigma attached. A stigma he says is based mainly on revisionist history. Only in the last few years has that shame been removed thanks to the efforts of the 'Cult' which has kept both the memory and true legacy of Aldo alive for six centuries.

No longer an outlawed secret society, the 'Cult' is now free to do its work in the open. They are already assisting in relief efforts for several coastal villages that were flooded in the recent hurricane. The 'Cult' is also preparing a team to help refuge Humans in the south. Humans won't believe how much the 'Cult' wishes to see them get what they deserve.

HUMAN TOWN ISSUES ULTIMATUM

HUMAN TOWN - The Human Town Council is demanding that Ape City military forces withdraw immediately from the Southern region or a state of war will exist. The ultimatum was issued to the National Academy and signed by Orly, the leader of Human Town's Citizen's Council.

The statement was a topic of intense debate in the council. Many older families, led by MacDonald, fought for a more conciliatory tone and against an ultimatum. They felt a threat of war is an empty one that won't be taken seriously. However, Orly's hold on the council is strong and he won the final vote.

SNEAK ATTACK!

Human Town Militia Invades Ape City **Lawgiver Calls Attack 'Infamous Betrayal'**

APE CITY - The Human Town militia launched a sneak attack, invading Ape City. Despite the months of negotiations with delegates from Human Town, which were still proceeding, the Humans decided to resort to military action.

Their attack began at dawn with the armory and several police outposts targeted. Since the bulk of the Ape Army is still in the South, the Humans made early gains but by the third day of the invasion their momentum had stalled.

An emergency session of the Citizen's Council was held on the first day of the attack. At that meeting the Lawgiver asked for a full declaration of war against Human Town. He denounced the sneak attack, calling it an infamous betrayal, and demanding the destruction of Human Town, "We've seen how man cannot be trusted to govern himself in the South. Now they have shown how untrustworthy they are here in the North. The beast man can no longer be allowed to live on the doorstep of Ape City any longer. Human Town must be destroyed!"



Human militia forces during the sneak attack on Ape City.

The articles of war passed with the unanimous vote of the whole Council. However, the final declaration only provides for the defense of Ape City. The provision calling for the total destruction of Human Town was striped out of the articles by the Chimpanzee caucus with the support of a majority of the Orangutans, who agreed that the provision was too extreme at this time. The Council also sent out a plea to the Alliance of Simian Villages for military assistance. The first of these Ape militia units have already arrived and were key to halting the early momentum of Human Town's troops.

MAIN BODY OF ARMY STILL ENGAGED IN SOUTHERN REGION

SOUTHERN CITY - Most Apes believe that Human Town would have never dared attack if the Army was not still engaged in the Southern region. The absence of the bulk of Simian military forces from Ape City gave the Humans a strategic advantage.

On the day before the attack, General Proteus (now full recovered from his back injury) had started on his journey to Southern City to take over active command of the Army. When news of the invasion reached him, the General immediately returned to Ape City to lead our forces. His leadership stalled the Human militia's offensive.

General Proteus has sent orders to Colonel Ursus to immediately dispatch divisions back to the North to reinforce Ape City.

The Road To War

APE CITY - For the second time in less than a decade Apes find ourselves at war with our Human brethren. After over 600 years of harmony and peace, what has led Apes and Humans to such hostilities?

For centuries the relationship between Simians and Humans was a mirror of the relationship between the MacDonald and Caesar families. As leaders of their communities, the two families set an example for all Apes and Men to follow.

However, over time both of the families became isolated from their peoples, ignoring many simmering resentments. The MacDonalds let Human Town to become a tiered society with rich Human land owners and poor Muto workers.

In Ape City, Orangutans and Gorillas came to resent the dominance of Chimpanzees in their government. Caesar XVI appointing MacDonald as the Lawgiver was the final straw for most. As a result, both were deposed in less than a year.

REINFORCEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED!

Human Militia In Full Retreat

APE CITY - The long awaited reinforcements from the South reached Ape City this week and pushed the Human Town forces into a full retreat. Five divisions were sent back by the late Col. Ursus (see sidebar) after the surprise attack by the Humans several weeks ago. These troops had been assigned to the wastelands to reopen the route to the Western region, but the defense of Ape City was deemed a higher priority. The reinforcements arrived just in time. While the local police, bolstered with troops from the Alliance of Simian Villages, had dug in keeping the Human invaders at bay for weeks; they were exhausted and running low on ammunition. The line of defense they established would have disintegrated had there been another attack on it. When the five reinforcement divisions reached a check point a few miles outside Ape City; General Proteus sent two into the city to help to relieve its beleaguered defenders. He took direct command of the other three divisions, leading them around Ape City to attack the Human troops from the west. The attack was a great surprise to the Humans. Their soldiers panicked resulting in the total collapse of their defensive line. By the end of the day, all three divisions were engaged in the attack and chased the Human's all the way back to the Human Town border. It was a great military victory that has saved Ape City.

LAWGIVER MAKES CASE TO DESTROY HUMAN TOWN

APE CITY - Since the sneak attack by Human Town weeks ago the Citizen's Council has been meeting on a daily basis to manage the war. Everyday as the Lawgiver enters the amphitheater he declares in a voice loud enough to be heard by every member of the Council, "HUMAN TOWN MUST BE DESTROYED!"

While the Council members highly respect and love the Lawgiver, most are reluctant to act on what has been called the final option. For the past few weeks the Council's priority has been to prevent Ape City from being overrun by the forces invading from Human Town. However, now that the reinforcements have arrived and driven the invaders all the way back to Human Town; the Council must decide on the next course of action.

The Chimpanzee caucus has pressed for a peaceful solution. The new leader of the caucus, Quinctius, states that now that Simians have the leverage, a very favorable peace treaty can be negotiated.

However, the Lawgiver, who has always had a very strained relationship with Humans is pressing for the destruction of Human Town. General Proteus



The Lawgiver

and the Gorilla caucus support the Lawgiver; but most of the Orangutan caucus still needs to be convinced. The Lawgiver has been meeting privately with high ranking members of their caucus. Even his wife, Lady Myka, has gotten into the act, lunching with the wives of influential council members. As soon as they can sway enough of these Orangutan members, the Lawgiver will call the vote to seal the fate of Human Town.

Colonel Ursus Killed in Battle

SOUTHERN CITY - Colonel Ursus, commander of all military forces in the Southern region was killed during a battle with a gang of roving Humans. The Colonel was on an inspection tour of Ape troops that are occupying several former Human towns along the western border with the wastelands.

Roving Human gangs had been a problem for the Army when they first entered the Southern region to restore order. Many, including Colonel Ursus, were convinced these gang or tribes were no longer a threat which is why he left the safety of Southern City with only a handful of Gorillas. Details are sketchy, but it appears that Ursus and troops were ambushed during the night as they slept.

Colonel Ursus is survived by two children; Ursus, 9, and Zena, 7.

COUNCIL VOTES To DESTROY HUMAN TOWN

APE CITY - The Citizen's Council has voted to approve the total destruction of Human Town. The proposition was submitted by the Lawgiver who has been lobbying many members for weeks to support it. General Proteus, in his role as leader of the Gorilla caucus, seconded the proposal.

The Council did not debate the proposal but went directly to a vote on it. The Gorilla caucus voted unanimously in favor. The entire Chimpanzee caucus abstained. The Orangutans were split almost directly down the middle. But when the final votes were tallied, the measure passed by three votes.

For the Lawgiver, who for weeks entered every meeting of the Council with the words, "HUMAN TOWN MUST BE DESTROYED!", this achieves a long term goal. Since the farm strike years ago, the Lawgiver has advocated a harsher policy in dealing with Humans. In his speech before the Council to introduce the proposition, the Lawgiver said, "The beast man showed Apes no mercy when they enslaved us for centuries. Why should we show them mercy now after they betrayed us again and again!"

General Proteus, who backed the proposition, is now the Ape responsible for carrying it out. When asked about his plans in that regard, the Gorilla cited the need for secrecy. However, it has been learned that three additional Army divisions have been ordered back from the Southern region. With the five divisions already here, which pushed the Human militia back to their border, Proteus will have eight full divisions at his disposal. More than enough to take on Human Town's militia. The only question is now is when the attack will begin, but the countdown has begun.

COLONEL URSUS IS LAID TO REST



Funeral ceremony for the late Colonel Ursus.

APE CITY - The body of the late Colonel Ursus was laid to rest this week. The deceased Gorilla war hero was honored with a state funeral in the City Amphitheater attended by the entire Citizen's Council. The only members who were not in attendance were the Lawgiver and General Proteus. They were so overcome with grief that they were unable to leave their homes. After the funeral ceremony, the Colonel's casket was taken to the Ape City cemetery and he laid to rest next to the grave of his father, the great General Titus.

The Colonel's body was brought back to Ape City by a squad led by Major Marcus, Ursus' second in command. When it arrived, there was a procession throughout the city. The casket was then brought to the main National Academy building where it lay in state for three days.

There are still many questions regarding the Colonel's death

and Quinctius, Leader of the Chimpanzee caucus, has called for a full investigation. As a émigré from the South, the Chimp contends that the bullets which killed Ursus are not used by the Human tribes in the Southern region. However, Major Marcus has said the charge is ridiculous. Marcus, a cousin of General Proteus, is an expert on the tactics and the weapons of Human tribes in the Southern region.

Former King Regrets Council's Decision

APE CITY - Caesar XVI, the deposed King, was asked about the Citizen's Council's vote to destroy Human Town. He stated, "As a private citizen, I regret that the Council has made this harsh decision. I had hoped that the Council would find a more peaceful solution to deal with the Humans now that their attack was defeated". The Lawgiver has no comment about the ex-King's statement.

HUMAN TOWN SUES FOR PEACE

National Academy Receives Envoys

APE CITY - Two envoys sent by Human Town to negotiate for peace met with Ministers of the National Academy this week. However, the Academy has no legal authority to change or overturn the vote taken by the Citizen's Council; so there is virtually no chance that the coming attack on Human Town will be canceled.

The two Humans, MacDonald and Dr. Kelly, were picked up at an Army check point on the road from Human Town and Ape City. They carried a flag of truce so they were not harmed. MacDonald informed the troopers that they were peace envoys and requested a meeting with the Lawgiver.

The troopers escorted the two Humans to a holding area on the outskirts of the city and communicated their request. The Lawgiver refused to meet with them. General Proteus also refused to see them, but Chimpanzee leader Quinctius accepted. He rode out to the holding area and spoke with them for several hours. When Quinctius returned to Ape City he lobbied several Academy Ministers to meet with the two

envoys from Human Town.

The Academy took two days to decide but finally allowed the Humans to enter the city and meet with several Ministers, who's identities have not been revealed. The Humans were transported under guard to the Academy for the meeting. They explained to the Ministers that the Human Town Citizen's Council empowered them to start peace negotiations. They stated that their Council has voted to withdraw the demand that all Simian military forces leave the Southern region. This was the main issue that sparked the hostilities with Human Town in the first place.

The Ministers listened to their presentation but informed the envoys that any final decision was in the hands of the Ape City Citizen's Council. The Humans were then taken back to check point where they were picked up and they returned to Human Town.

So far the Citizen's Council has not scheduled a hearing with the Ministers. Thus, it is highly unlikely that anything will come of this overture of peace from Human Town's Council.

MARCUS GIVEN SOUTHERN COMMAND

APE CITY - The Citizen's Council has approved the promotion of Major Marcus to the rank of Colonel, and his assignment as the new commander of all military forces in the Southern Region. While General Proteus, as Head of the Military, has the power to promote and assign whomever he wishes, the General decided to submit this to the Council for approval because he and Marcus are cousins.

Because Marcus served as second in command to the late Colonel Ursus, he was the logical choice to be given the post. However, the Chimpanzee caucus made one demand: that a delegation from the Council return to Southern City with Marcus to investigate some questions surrounding the death of Colonel Ursus.

Proteus Adopts Ursus Orphans



Proteus and little Ursus.

APE CITY - In a supreme act of kindness, General Proteus has adopted the orphaned son and daughter of the late Col. Ursus: 9 year old Ursus and 7 year old Zena. Because the Colonel's wife died years ago and the two children's closest relatives live in Central City (which is cut off from Ape City at present); there was no one in the to take in the orphans.

General Proteus and his wife have no children; so they have stepped forward to give these orphans a home. The General said that their father was a hero who gave his life for his fellow Apes. Thus, he sees it as his duty to care for Ursus' two children.

The General's wife is delighted to have them too. She always wanted children, but she and Proteus have been unable to have their any of their own. They considered adoption in the past but decided against it until they heard of the plight of Ursus' son and daughter.

WAR BEGINS

Army Launches Full Assault On Human Town
Lawgiver: "The day of reckoning is here!"



Farms burn in Human Town on first day of attack.

HUMAN TOWN - The Simian Army launched the long awaited strike against Human Town this week. In what has been called the final solution of the Human problem, seven Army divisions plus support units from the Alliance of Simian Villages, surrounded and then attacked the farming community just before dawn.

The Lawgiver addressed the Citizen's Council after the first day of the attack. He praised the troops and the leadership of General Proteus, calling him, "a worthy ancestor to Aldo, the first Ape to say 'No' to a vile Human". The Lawgiver also said that for Humans, "the day of reckoning is here for their numerous treacheries over the last 10 years and the centuries". While Human militia forces put up very strong resistance, our troopers made great gains in the first few days. Many of the outlying plantations and farms have been captured and burned. Most of the Humans who lived on those farms were executed. However, some did escape into the jungle adjacent to Human Town.

The MacDonald plantation was completely deserted when our troops captured it. They also made a startling discovery in the MacDonald's main house. Prince Caesar, the long missing son of the deposed king was hiding there until very recently. While Human forces are still defending their city, General Proteus expects their resistance to last only a week or two at the very most.

COL. MARCUS ARRIVES IN SOUTHERN CITY

SOUTHERN CITY - Colonel Marcus has arrived in Southern City to take full command of all Simian forces in the region. His arrival was celebrated with a military honor guard as he entered the city. Once in the city center, the Colonel spoke to the troops. He thanked them for their service and predicted a full victory soon.

Council Members Divided On War

APE CITY - While all support the troops, many members of the Ape City Citizen's Council did not support the declaration of war. The entire Chimpanzee caucus and many Orangutans abstained when the vote was called two weeks ago.

Quinctius, head of the Chimp caucus has stated that he and others objected to the goal of destroying Human Town. They favored capturing it and putting its leaders on trial. Their hope being that Human Town would one day return to its former status as part of our city-state.

However, the Lawgiver and others say that goal is totally unrealistic. Events have proven man is a self-destructive and treacherous beast who can't be trusted. Humans were not able to govern themselves in the South, requiring intervention by the Ape Army to restore order. Then the only remaining Human community launched a totally unprovoked attack on Ape City.

Critics charge that the Humans were set up to fail in the South due to the flawed exchange program. The estimate of Ape farms in the south was too high while the estimate of Human emigrants from the North was too low. They state the attack from Human Town could have been avoided if negotiators at the National Academy had not dragged out the talks.

Even those who disagree think that the call for Human Town's destruction is an overreaction, labeling it an act of genocide against the laws of nature.

ORLY CAPTURED!

Proteus Takes Human Town Leader Prisoner



Human Town Leader Orly

APE CITY - Orly, the Muto who lead the Human Town Council for the last eight years, was personally captured this week by General Proteus.

The capture of Orly was a high priority goal for the Army. The Human Town leader is seen as the major instigator of not only the current war, but of the farm strike and of the independence movement which grew out of it. Most believe Orly's actions are the cause of much of the turmoil during the last decade.

The Army had been searching for Orly for several weeks. It was thought that he might have fled Human Town. But a big break came when a Muto woman, who was secretly bringing him food, was caught and gave up his hiding place.

In a daring raid, troopers, led by General Proteus, stormed the farm house where Orly was hiding. The General himself took the Muto prisoner.

Proteus immediately bought Orly to Ape City for trial, parading him throughout the city. At the end of the parade, the General chained the Muto to a tree in a city garden, where he was mocked by several small children.

LAWGIVER: WAR'S END IS NEAR

APE CITY - The Lawgiver appeared before the Citizen's Council after the capture of Orly and proclaimed that the Human Town war will be over in a few weeks.

Many members of the Council have grown concerned over the length of the campaign against Human Town. It has already lasted over twice as long as the original estimates. However, the Lawgiver has assured them that the end is in sight.

The major worry is that the troops tied up by the action in Human Town are more needed in the Southern Region. Now that most of the goals of the Human Town war have been achieved, those troops should be sent to help bolster Colonel Marcus' forces.

However, both the Lawgiver and General Proteus argue that the job is not yet finished in Human Town. The farming community has not been totally destroyed as yet. There are still some pockets of resistance and there are many unaccounted for Humans (*see sidebar article*).

Critics charge that the goal of destroying Human Town was an overreaction in the first place. They say Human Town is no longer a threat; therefore,

all combat operations should cease immediately and those resources directed where they could be of more use.

The chief spokesape for this position is Quinctius, head of the Chimpanzee Caucus. He stated, "There is no need for this war to continue, doing so is just an act of vengeance and of genocide". Almost all Chimps and many Orangutans agree with Quinctius. They have been pushing in the Council for an end of the Human Town war and a redeployment of troops to the South.

This sentiment has grown in the Council the last few weeks. It was to quell these concerns that the Lawgiver appeared at this week's Council session to reassure them that the war would be over soon. With the capture of Orly to boost his case, enough of the Council members were satisfied with the progress being made to continue the war for a least a few more weeks, until Human Town is completely destroyed.

Where Did All The Humans Go?

HUMAN TOWN - With the capture of Orly, most Apes have been wondering what has happened to the many other Human Town leaders, especially the MacDonald family, who have disappeared.

The MacDonald plantation was captured on the first day of the war. It was found completely deserted. MacDonald and his daughter Mary, along with several cousins were all gone. The same was true of plantations owned by other prominent families such as the Keens and the Kellys. Many farms owned by Orly's closest Muto deputies have also been found to be deserted.

It is obvious that these Humans and Mutos have fled Human Town but no one knows to where. Military analysts think they might try to make their way to the Southern region to try to make contact with Human tribes there. However, others think that scenario would be impossible and that it is more likely that they are hiding somewhere in the jungle between Human Town and the Forbidden Zone.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Human Town Is Destroyed



Lawgiver announces the victory to a joyous Citizen's Council.

APE CITY - The Ape Army reported that it has completely destroyed Human Town. The farming community is totally under Ape control. All of the remnants of human culture and society have been wiped from the face of the earth. Most of the inhabitants of the farming community were killed during the fighting. Only a few have escaped into the nearby jungle. When the Lawgiver announced the victory to the Citizen's Council, he received a standing ovation. General Proteus also appeared before the Council and he was voted a special glyph for his leadership.

The victory over Human Town

freed several divisions of the Army to be reassigned to the Southern Region. Proteus says that after a period of rest for these brave Gorilla troopers, he will personally lead them down South to clean up the mess that the humans made in that area.

For the Lawgiver this is also a great political victory. Many doubted his abilities when he first assumed the office; but this confirms him in the eyes of many as a great leader. He and his wife Myka have now reached the highest pinnacle of power in the Simian world.

Now that the fighting is over, the Council must decide what is to be done with what was

once Human Town. The farms there did supply most of Ape City's food at one time. Simian villages to the north supply the rest but are not yet capable to provide 100% of what is needed to feed Ape City.

The land of the former Human Town was not permanently damaged, only structures were destroyed. It is possible that the land can be reclaimed and farmed again. But, that won't happen until the next planting season. Thus, the Council has several months to decide on what to do with that farmland.

Search for Missing Prince Renewed

APE CITY - The discovery that Prince Caesar was hiding on the MacDonald plantation for several years, has renewed the search for him by the Ape City police.

Many questions surround the disappearance of the young prince. Why did he run in the when there were no charges against him? What were his activities while living with the MacDonalds? Most Apes want to know the answers to these questions.

ONLY FOUND GUILTY OF WAR CRIMES

APE CITY - The trial of former Human Town Leader Orly ended this week with a guilty verdict on fifteen counts of war crimes. The Muto was sentenced to death for his crimes and executed by a firing squad at dawn the next morning. The four week long trial at the National Academy presented a large and complex case against Orly. He was charged with war crimes including starting the current war. The tribunal also held him responsible for many incidents that have incited violence going back to the farming strike.

The case was personally presented by the Minister of Justice and the tribunal headed by the President of the Academy himself. Orly refused to mount a defense and sat silent for the whole trial.

After the trial, the tribunal took only three days of deliberation to deliver the verdict and pronounce sentence.

NEW FARMING PLAN ANNOUNCED

APE CITY - Ministers of the National Academy announced the new plan for farming this week. This plan still has to be reviewed and approved by the Citizen's Council before it can go into effect.

The plan gives control of all the farmland, from what was Human Town, to the Academy. It creates the position Minister of Agriculture to administer all farming. Simian workers will be hired to work the farms in order to provide the basic food needs of Ape City.

Some already have objected to the plan because they feel it gives too much control to the Academy. Critics argue that it would be better to give the land over to private farmers. They contend that there are still many refugees from the South who could run those farms.

Academy Ministers state that too many times in the recent past the nutritional needs of Ape City has been held hostage to the mercy of private farmers. The new plan will ensure that this would never happen ever again by taking direct control of the farmland. Supporters of the Academy plan also cite that most of the refugees will be able to return to the Southern region very soon to take over the farms there.

A vote on the plan is scheduled in the Citizen's Council next week and is expected to pass with the Lawgiver's support.

APE ARMY RESTORING ORDER IN THE SOUTH



Colonel Marcus in Southern City.

SOUTHERN CITY - Under the leadership of Colonel Marcus there has been great progress in the Southern region over the past few months. More villages and farms have been reclaimed and restored than during any previous period. More human tribes have been engaged and driven into the wilderness than before. Many experts believe that if this rate of progress can be sustained, the region will be open to Ape resettlement far earlier than any of the original estimates.

The credit for the accelerated progress goes to Marcus who took a much more aggressive

approach upon assuming the command of the region. His predecessor, the late Colonel Titus, had tried to negotiate and rehabilitate those humans who still remained in the region. That often proved a fruitless endeavor. Colonel Marcus abandoned that policy and started treating all humans as a nuisance that needed to be driven from civilized areas. Marcus also put the restoration of major towns, and the major farms and plantations, on the highest priority. Thanks to the success of these efforts by the Simian Army, many Apes have decided to return to the region to work the farms and inhabit the towns. It is expected that the region can be completely restored and resettled within the next two to five years.

General Proteus (who is the Colonel's cousin) has praised Marcus for his efforts and is sending him more divisions now that the Human Town war is over. The Lawgiver has also praised the Colonel for what he has called Marcus' visionary, inspired Simian leadership and great military ability.

Caesar and Lucius Questioned by Police

APE CITY - Police have detained the deposed king, Caesar, and his youngest son Lucius, for questioning as part of renewed efforts to find former sovereign's oldest son, also named Caesar. The former prince has been missing for several years, ever since he escaped house arrest shortly after his father was removed from power.

The whereabouts of the younger Caesar had been unknown until the invasion of Human Town earlier this year. Troopers discovered that the young Chimpanzee had been hiding on the plantation of the MacDonald family. Unfortunately, the troopers found the plantation deserted and there was no clue to the current location of Caesar.

Since that discovery, police have renewed their efforts to find the young Chimp at the urging of the Lawgiver. His father and younger brother were questioned for days but offered no new information.

COUNCIL APPROVES NEW FARMING PLAN

Chimpanzees Protest Council Vote



Police hold back Chimpanzee protestors.

APE CITY - Chimpanzees are protesting the new farming plan that was approved by the Citizen's Council. Specifically, they object to provisions that require two years of farming service, at very low wages, for every Ape upon reaching 18 years of age unless they are serving in the one of the Ape security services or are enrolled in the National Academy. The protestors say that since most Gorillas serve in the security services and most young Orangutans are automatically enrolled in the Academy; the burden of this requirement would almost fall solely on young Chimpanzees.

The protestors also object to the provision that requires five years of service in order to be eligible to request farmland in the Southern region. Many Chimpanzees were forced to leave their homes due to the civil war peace treaty. They shouldn't be forced to work as indentured servants for five years to return to their homes.

The Council vote was divided with the Orangutan and Gorilla caucuses voting unanimously for the new plan. In opposition, the Chimp caucus voted against the new plan with the same unanimity. (*see main article*)

When word of the farming plan's approval spread through Ape City, Chimpanzees took to the streets to protest the vote by the Citizen's Council.

LADY MYKA HOSTS CHARITY DINNER

APE CITY - Lady Myka, the wife of the Lawgiver, hosted a charity dinner to aid refugees from the Southern region.

The dinner was held in the main auditorium chamber in the National Academy building and was attended by most of the power elite of Ape City.

Lady Myka is co-chair of the Simian Refugee Relief Fund, the sponsor of the event, with Chimpanzee leader Quinctius, who praised her "for all of her efforts to help Apes displaced by the chaos in the South".

Plan Starts Next Planting Season

FARM TOWN - The farming plan submitted by the National Academy was approved by the Citizen's Council this week in a divided vote. The Gorilla and Orangutan caucuses overruled the entire Chimpanzee caucus to approve the new plan. The plan was approved by the Council now so it will all be in place by the next planting in the spring.

The purpose of the plan is to provide Ape City with it's own source of food. A secure source close to home that will not be reliant on other villages and towns in the Northern and Southern regions, where local politics and other problems might interrupt the food supply. While Ape City will still trade with these other communities, it will no longer be almost completely dependent on them. Part of the plan is the renaming the former human town as Farm Town. However, despite being named Farm Town, no one will actually live here. Ape workers will be transported back and forth from Ape City on a daily basis during planting and harvest seasons and on an as needed basis during other periods.

The labor provisions are the most controversial part of the plan. Opponents argued that they will amount to indentured servitude. Proponents say that this is public service like a military draft and that the plan will not work without it. An alternate proposal which would use both captured humans and mutos as a work force was voted down after the Lawgiver denounced it.

DECADE IN REVIEW

The Events of the Last 10 Years That Shaped the World

APE CITY - Modern historians at the National Academy have described the events of the last decade as the most tumultuous and most significant since the founding of our civilization over 600 years ago. These events transformed our society and the entire Ape world. Now at the beginning of a new decade, it is fitting to reflect and remember the events of the past 10 years:

2670

June: Old Lawgiver dies after holding the office longer than any Ape in history.

July: Caesar XVI breaks with tradition to name MacDonald the first human Lawgiver.

August: Human Farmers go on strike in Southern region.

September: Mutants cut off route to Central City.

December: Ape Army engages military action in wastelands to reopen route to Central City.

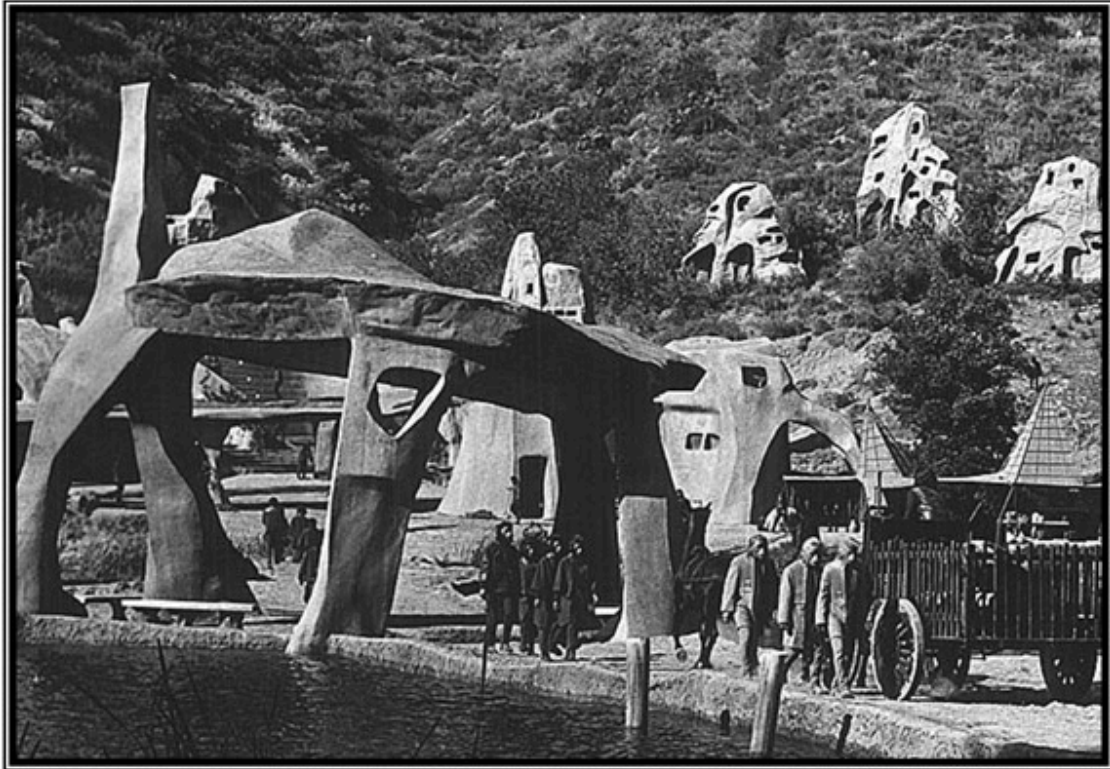
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February: Human villages in Northern and Southern regions begin declaring independence.

March: Muto Orly defeats MacDonald leading to High Council shakeup; Chimpanzee Lepidus is named Lawgiver.

April: Caesar XVI is deposed and tyrannical monarchy ended in favor of more democratic government; Caesar and his two sons, Caesar and Lucius, are put under house arrest; Proteus is named Commander of all Simian military forces.

May: Human secessionists launch sneak attack on Apes; Caesar the younger escapes house arrest.



The state funeral of the old Lawgiver in 2670.

July: Southern City falls to the human rebels.

December: Ape Army retreats to winter quarters.

2672

January: Ape Army surrenders to human rebels.

March: Former King Caesar put on trial for high crimes but is found not guilty.

June: Peace treaty with humans is signed; human confederation is formed in south; human town given independence.

July: Simian and human farm exchange program begins. Ape migrate to the north while the humans move to the south.

November: Academy holds Constitutional convention.

2673

March: New Constitution is approved by Citizen's Council; Haristas is named Lawgiver for life.

July: All contact with Central City is lost.

2674

May: Violence begins in the human confederation due to overcrowding conditions in the Southern region.

2676

June: Former Lawgiver, Lepidus dies.

2677

July: Human confederation in chaos as civil war begins; Ape refugees start streaming north.

October: Human confederation government collapses.

2678

April: Human tribes from South attack Ape border towns.

September: Ape Army ordered to south to restore order.

December: Southern City is recaptured.

2679

March: Human town launches sneak attack on Ape City.

April: Ape City begins counter-attack against humans.

May: Final attack on human town begins.

June: Human town leader Orly is captured.

August: Human town is finally destroyed.

October: Ape Military restores order in the south.

November: New plan to feed Ape City is approved; Farm Town is established.

Southern Troop Withdrawal Is Possible Soon

SOUTHERN CITY - Colonel Marcus, commander of all Ape forces in the Southern region, has reported that the situation there is stabilizing much quicker than estimated; thus making it possible to withdraw combat troops from the region in the next few months. The news is welcomed by Apes who were originally against the military incursion, as well as many who feel the Army has been in the region too long.

General Proteus praised Col. Marcus for his leadership in cleaning up the South. The Lawgiver praised the Colonel for the Army's progress and credited his no tolerance policy in dealing with wild human tribes and refugees.

However, Marcus' no tolerance policy has several critics who claim it is a genocide against the human race. Quinctius, the leader of the Chimp caucus in the Citizen's Council, has not gone that far, but has called on the Army to return to policies and procedures that were in place under the late Colonel Ursus.

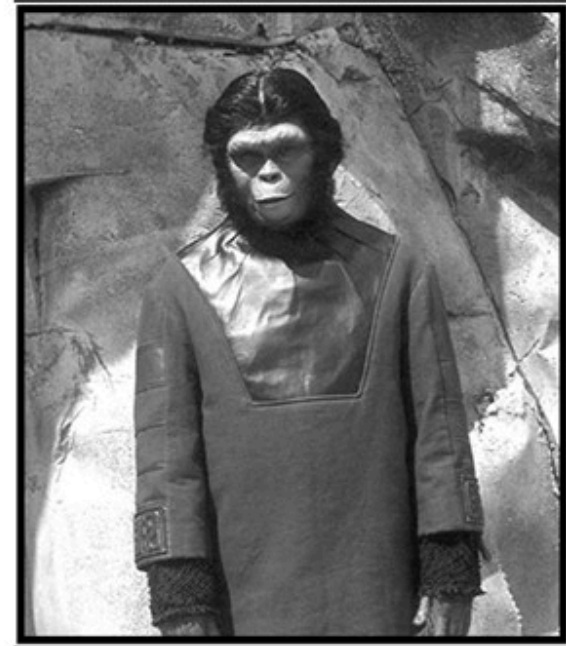
Once the operation in the South is completed, the debate on the Army's next mission will start. Many Apes feel they should restore the route through the wastelands to Central City and the Western region.

CHIMPANZEES FORM UNION

Labor Movement Is In Response To New Farm Plan

APE CITY - It was announced this week that Chimpanzees have formed a labor union. The announcement was made by the union's leader, Claudius, a young refugee from the South. In his statement, Claudius said that the formation of the union was in response to the new farming plan approved by the Citizen's Council at the end of last year. He went on to say that the purpose of the union was to protect the rights of young Chimpanzee workers who are required by the new law to spend two years working in Farm Town.

The Alliance of Chimpanzee Laborers (or ACL), as they call themselves, also pledges to be a watchdog to ensure that all Apes are paid a fair wage and are treated with respect in the workplace. As part of their efforts, they have already set up a meeting with the Minister of Farming and Agriculture at the National Academy (the Simian responsible for running the new farm plan) to negotiate



*Claudius, Leader of
the Union Movement*

a standard day rate of payment for all the conscripted workers. With the spring planting season rapidly approaching, it is hoped that an agreement can be made very quickly.

The Leader of the Chimpanzee Caucus, Quinctius, praised the formation of the union. He said the union is a big step forward in ensuring the rights of all Ape farm workers. Quinctius hopes that the union will be a bulwark against abuses that occurred in the past which caused much strife. However, He did not elaborate to what abuses to which he was referring.

Former king Caesar wished the new union the best but said that he does not plan to become a member. Nor will his son, Lucius, who will turn 18 in a few years and be required to work in Farm Town.

Not all the city's leaders were as supportive. The Leader of the Orangutan Caucus, Horatius, said he hopes that Chimpanzees won't use this union to put their own interests ahead of all the Simians of Ape City. Neither the Lawgiver or General Proteus were available for comment.

HUMANS ATTACKING FOOD CARVANS

FARM TOWN - Several caravans from Simian villages in the north that were transporting food to Ape City were attacked by tribes of humans en route. No Apes were harmed in any of these attacks, but substantial quantities of food have been stolen and carried off into the jungle by the human raiders.

Police officers investigating these attacks say the pattern has been the same in all of them. The road is blocked to stop the caravan. While several of the drivers leave their wagons to help clear the road, smoke bombs are set off creating confusion and cover for the humans who rush the wagons to steal the food.

Since the caravans are unarmed, there has been no way to stop the humans. However, having a squad of Gorilla troopers accompany future caravans is being considered. The big question is still: who are these humans and where to they come from?



Planting begins in Farm Town.

LABOR AGREEMENT WITH CHIMPANZEES REACHED AS PLANTING SEASON BEGINS

APE CITY - The Alliance of Chimpanzee Labor (ACL) and the National Academy have reached an agreement on the use of Chimpanzee laborers in Farm Town. Negotiators for both sides worked round the clock for the past two weeks to hammer out a deal before the start of planting season.

Both Claudius, the leader of the ACL, and Dr. Zautius, Minister of Farming and Agriculture, praised the deal. Claudius said it's "a great step in achieving the goal of labor equality".

While some details of the agreement remain confidential, it provide a standardize wage for all laborers conscripted for farming, including all Gorillas and Orangutans, not just ACL

members. The deal also limits hours per day and days per week a conscripted laborer will be required to work as well as a provision for overtime pay if any laborer volunteers to work past those maximums. There is also a provision which sets the number of workers for every square acre of land farmed.

Finally, while the farming plan approved by the Council had exemptions for both military service and education, the deal also provides an exemption for economic hardship that will benefit Chimpanzee families.

One issue that was not dealt with is the so-called right of return for refugees from the Southern region. That issue will be decided at a later date.

Colonel Marcus Responds to Critics

SOUTHERN CITY - Colonel Marcus issued a statement this week in response to criticism that his policies in dealing with humans amount to genocide against the species. These accusations come from several Chimpanzee humane organizations that oppose any harsh treatment of Apes, humans and animals. They claim that Marcus' policies reduce humans to the status of hunted animals.

Col. Marcus has insisted that his policies are the only way to deal with the situation in the Southern region. His statement points out that his predecessor, Colonel Ursus, took a much more benevolent approach and was shot as a result. However, many of the Colonel's critics point out that it was never proven that a human shot Ursus and no one has ever been charged with the murder. .

Supporters of Colonel Marcus state that the progress that made in the South is proof that his policies are effective.

Human Attacks On Caravans Are Increasing

APE CITY - The attacks on food caravans from the north by gangs of humans have been increasing over the last few weeks. These caravans are transporting much needed food and supplies to Ape City from the Alliance of Simian Villages in the north. Security for the caravans has been stepped up but it is still very loose. Thus, they are easy pickings for the human gangs to raid.

There also has been a dispute regarding who is responsible for the security of these food caravans. Ape City officials claim that the Alliance has the responsibility for security since it is their wagons and personal that are transporting the food. However, representatives from the Alliance say that Ape City should supply the bulk of the security since all of the raids have taken place in territory in which Ape City has claimed jurisdiction over.

Even inside Ape City there are arguments about jurisdiction. Chief of Police Flavius says it is the Army's responsibility since the attacks are taking place outside of the city limits. General Proteus has assigned as many Gorilla troopers as he can spare with the bulk of the Army still engaged in the Southern region. He says that he will assign more troops as soon as they become available but until then both the Alliance and the Ape City police need to do more stop the human raids, calling it a question of Simian survival.

The humans who are attacking the caravans are most likely some of the several hundred who escaped the destruction of human town and are now living in the wild. Once their raids on our vital food supplies can be stopped, a final solution to the human problem must be found.

FIRST HARVEST FROM FARM TOWN BEGINS

FARM TOWN - The very first harvest from the new farming community of Farm Town has begun. So far the crop has been extremely abundant and is very likely to fulfill all of Ape City's food needs through the winter months.

The successful harvest is seen as a big victory for Dr. Zautius, the Minister of Farming and Agriculture, who is responsible for the management of Farm Town. It is also a victory for the Alliance of Chimpanzee Labor (ACL) who's members are credited for their hard work in making the harvest a big success. Many had felt that a unionized labor force would interfere with the efficiency of the farms but the opposite has proven true. Council member Quinctius said, "this shows that giving workers a living wage and a measure of respect will make them better workers, not worse".

The success of the Farm Town harvest is also a big political victory for the Lawgiver and General Proteus. At the time, many felt the total destruction of what was then human town would result in a famine in Ape City. But the Lawgiver had a plan to prevent that, and the creation of Farm Town was the cornerstone of that plan.

Ape City is now self-sufficient again and does not have to rely on buying food from Simian villages in the north. Attacks of their caravans by gangs of wild humans have been a very big problem in the past year. Since the police will no longer have to protect the food caravans; they can now concentrate on hunting down these humans in the jungle to exterminate them once and for all.



Claudius and his wife with the Lawgiver and his bodyguard.

Claudius: Leader of the Labor Union

APE CITY - Unknown just a few short months ago, the young Chimpanzee Claudius scored a major political victory with the successful harvest now starting in Farm Town.

Last fall Claudius personally negotiated the labor agreement with the National Academy for the all Chimpanzee labor used in the Council's farm plan. At the time he became a hero to many young Chimps for his efforts to protect their rights and secure them a living wage. He solidified his status with all Simian farm workers by toiling in the fields side by side with them every single day for the last several months.

The 27 year old Chimpanzee, who was a refugee from a small farming village in the Southern region, is becoming a major political force in Ape City. Many Chimpanzees are urging him to run for a seat on the Citizen's Council. They have guaranteed that he will be

elected and become the Deputy Leader of the Chimp caucus. Quinctius, the leader of the caucus, is a fan of the maverick Chimp and supports the idea.

Claudius has other friends in high places. He and his pretty wife were seen dining with the Lawgiver earlier this week to celebrate the very successful harvest. A big coup for the youthful Chimpanzee.

COUNCIL APPROVES HOLIDAY FOR ALDO

APE CITY - The Citizen's Council has voted to honor the memory of Aldo with a new holiday that will be celebrated yearly on the 8th of February.

The Cult of Aldo lobbied the Citizen's Council for months to create the holiday citing the legendary Gorilla's key role in the founding of our society.

General Proteus, a descendant of Aldo, is overjoyed that his unfairly maligned ancestor is finally being recognized.

ARMY RETURNING HOME FROM SOUTHERN REGION

Colonel Marcus Declares Mission Accomplished

APE CITY - The Simian Army will finally be pulling out from the South after over four years deployed in the region. Colonel Marcus, Commander of the Southern Army, has declared their mission accomplished in a communiqué sent to General Proteus this week.

The General read the message at a meeting of the Citizen's Council and asked for approval to bring the troops home. The vote in the Council was almost unanimous. The few who voted against argued that the Army should try to restore the route through the wastelands to the Western region and Central City. Unfortunately, with the Army nearly exhausted, that mission will have to wait for another day.

While the bulk of the Army will return to Ape City, three divisions will remain in the South as a peace keeping force under the command of Colonel Marcus. Southern City will continue to be his headquarters.



Colonel Marcus

According to Marcus the only security threat still in the South are tribes of human living in the wild. But, they are only a small nuisance, similar to the humans who have raided food caravans near Farm Town.

Now that the Southern region is considered safe, many Ape refugees will now be allowed to return to their homes. How that process will be organized is still to be determined. There are some who may not wish to return. Quinctius, formerly a merchant/trader near Southern City, is now the Leader of the Chimpanzee Caucus with his son enrolled in the National Academy. Claudius, another refugee, is leader of the ACL.

Academy Approves New History Texts

APE CITY - The National Academy has approved an entirely new set of history texts to be used for all education levels from grade school to graduate studies. Doctor Zaius, a member of the tribunal that wrote the new texts, stated, "These new texts give a more streamlined version of our history that explores all perspectives and avoids the hero worship of Caesar that infected past history texts".

The new texts are not without their detractors. Doctor Milo and a group of Chimpanzee scholars have sent a letter to the President of the Academy protesting the new texts. In their letter, they claim the new texts minimize the contributions of Caesar the Great and the Caesarian Dynasty, whitewash the actions of Aldo to turn him into a folk hero, demonize the human race and completely distort the timeframe of Simian slavery. However, no one at the Academy is taking their protest seriously.

The new history texts will be put in use in all schools immediately.

ACL INCREASES DEMANDS FOR CHIMP LABOR

FARM TOWN - In negotiation for this year's farm work, the Alliance of Chimpanzee Labor (ACL) has made several key demands including increased wages, overtime pay, more workers per acre of land farmed and a reduced number hours required to work per week.

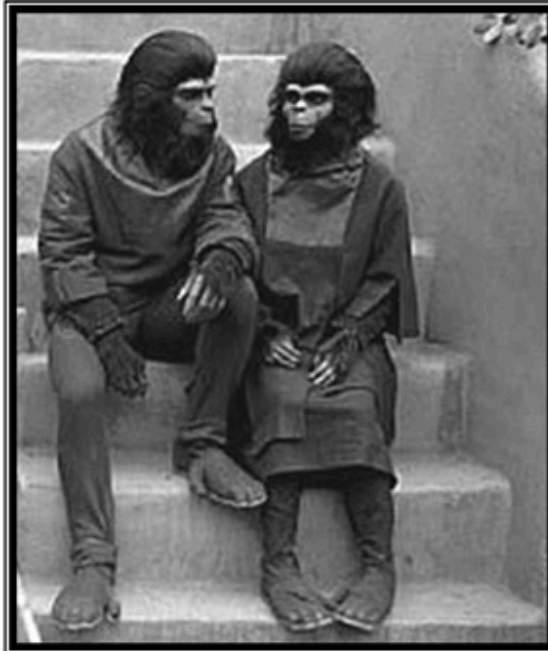
After three successful harvests that have made Ape City self-sufficient again, ACL leader Claudius contends that these demands are reasonable. He notes that the farm labor force has not had a raise in wages in three years while productivity has increased every year. He also states that the Academy is profiting off the labor of the farm workers and that it is time for them to share that wealth.

The National Academy does not agree. Dr. Zautius, Minister of Farming and Agriculture, has called the ACL's demands completely unreasonable. He says that acceptance of any of the new demands will hurt food production and thus, Ape City. He admits workers deserve a raise, just not one as big as the ACL is demanding. Zautius also states that the claim of the Academy getting rich from Farm Town is ludicrous and points out that all farm profits are deposited in the treasury.

Negotiations between the ACL and the National Academy will continue until an agreement is reached. Everyone believes the new demands are just a starting point and the harsh comments are political posturing by both Claudius and Zautius.

PROTEUS PLEDGES TO RESTORE ROUTE TO WEST

Quinctius To Retire As Chimp Leader



Quinctius and his Wife

APE CITY - Quinctius, Leader of the Chimpanzee Caucus to the Citizen's Council, is going to retire from that position at the end of the year. He made the announcement at a Council meeting earlier this week.

Quinctius said that his decision was based on a desire to return to his home outside of Southern City. He was a merchant trader in the South before the chaos in the region forced him to leave seven years ago. Now that the region has been stabilized by the Army, Quinctius wants to return and help rebuild it. His son, Dr. Quinctius, a fellow in the Archeology department of the National Academy, plans to remain in Ape City.

It is assumed that Claudius, the Deputy Leader of the Caucus and Head of the ACL union, will rise to the leadership role. Like Quinctius, Claudius is a refugee from the Southern region; but says he no plans to return to there.

Appoints Marcus To Lead Mission

APE CITY - In a speech to the Citizen's Council, Commander in Chief of the Simian Army, General Proteus promised to reopen the route to the Western region. The Council voted to approved the mission and the General appointed Colonel Marcus to command the Army forces assigned to it.

The passage through the wastelands has been closed for years, cutting off all contact with Central City. The route, which was charted by the legendary Gorilla Urko the Explorer, was in use for 600 years providing a vital link between the Eastern and Western regions.

Due to the attacks by tribes of mutant humans over 10 years ago the passage became too dangerous. The Army tried to reopen the passage back then but it encountered very strong resistance from the mutants. The Army was recalled from that mission, just when they were starting to make progress, to deal with the human revolt and the subsequent wars.

For years it has been the goal of Proteus and Marcus to open

up the route once again. They considered the task almost two years ago when the Army's mission to restore order in the Southern region was achieved. However, the Council decided to recall the Army back to Ape City at that time.

Since then Proteus has been actively lobbying members of the Council to approve a new mission to open the route. This was a hard task because the Lawgiver was against it at first. However, the General was eventually able to win over the elder Orangutan. Once he did, the approval of the full Council was assured.

Reopening the route will not be easy. It has been over ten years since any Ape has set foot in the wastelands. The situation there is totally unknown.

Colonel Marcus is assembling a force from the cream of the Army. He is confident that the mission can be accomplished in a few months. The hope is that regular monthly caravans to the West will resume once again to enable trade between the two great Simian metropolises.

HUMAN RAIDS BECOME A NUISANCE

FARM TOWN - Raids by wild human tribes on the farms here has become an increased nuisance over the last few months. For years wild humans living in the jungle have been attacking caravans from villages in the north for food. In response, Police took new security measures to protect the caravans and human attacks have declined over time. Now with fewer food caravans coming from the North, due to the success of the Farm Town project and increased security, these wild humans are taking a more direct approach; stealing the crops before they can be harvested.

Lieutenant Flavius, commander of the Farm Town garrison, states that he needs additional police to adequately patrol all the local farms. While he has increased the frequency of current patrols, his forces are stretched very thin.

Dr. Zautius, Minister of Farming, has requested funding for more police from the Council calling it "a question of Simian survival".

CLAUDIUS DENOUNCES RESETTLEMENT POLICY

CHIMP LEADER IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAWGIVER

APE CITY - In a public speech this week, Claudius, leader of the Chimpanzee caucus of the Citizen's Council, denounced the Southern resettlement plan approved by the Council. His opposition to the plan puts the Chimp in direct conflict with the Lawgiver who proposed and championed it.

The resettlement plan gives any Gorilla trooper or veteran who served in the Southern action priority on claiming many of the now abandoned farms in the region. The entire Chimp caucus voted against the plan but it was passed in the Council due to unanimous support from both the Orangutan and Gorilla caucuses.

Chimpanzees oppose the plan because they say it is unfairly disenfranchises Chimp families who were forced to abandon their farms and relocate to the North at the end of the civil war 13 years ago. Supporters of the resettlement plan point out



The Lawgiver and Claudius

that those families were more than compensated for their losses by receiving large farms in the North. They also state that since those farms are now part of the Alliance of Simian Towns, the Chimpanzees in question are not even citizens of Ape City. Supporters feel that because Gorilla troopers risked their lives to stabilize the Southern region, it is only right to reward these citizens of Ape City with priority status in the resettlement of the region.

The Lawgiver, who was the architect of this plan, has yet to comment on Claudius' speech. This is only the latest of many policy disagreements between the elder Orangutan and the young Chimpanzee.

General Proteus Recommends "Final Solution" To The Human Problem

APE CITY - General Proteus, Commander of the Simian military, has presented his plan to deal with the human problem facing Farm Town and Ape City. Calling his plan "The Final Solution", Proteus is certain that the raids on farms by wild tribal humans can be ended for all time. The key to his plan is search and destroy missions of the human's encampments in the jungle. "By destroying them where they live, we will destroy their ability to attack our farms", said Proteus.

The plan will use Gorilla security forces from both Ape City and the Alliance of Simian towns to accomplish its goals. The General expects the effort to take several years since the human tend to be nomadic and don't camp in the same place for too long. Therefore, finding them will be a major task.

Despite some opposition, the Lawgiver has endorsed Proteus' plan.

Army Making Slow Progress In Wastelands

SOUTHERN CITY - The most recent dispatches from the wastelands report that the Army has become bogged down and is making much slower progress in reopening the route to the Western region than was originally anticipated. Sent into the wastelands at the beginning of the year, the Army, under the command of Colonel Marcus, was expected to clear the route in a few weeks. But like the effort over 12 years ago, there is violent resistance from human mutants who have invaded the area like a plague of locusts.

According to Colonel Marcus the mutants are everywhere. "We kill hundreds in a day and hundreds more attack us the next day", stated Marcus in his latest dispatch. The mutants are also much better fighters and far more organized than anyone had thought. Very early in the campaign, many Gorilla scouts and patrols went missing. It was soon discovered that the mutants had been laying traps for them. A surprise since it was believed that the mutants were not very intelligent.

Progress was expected to be counted in miles per day, but it is now measured in feet per week. At this rate it will take many years to break through to the Western region. In a desert environment with very fragile supply lines, a mission of that long a duration might not be sustainable. However, Colonel Marcus is confident that his troops can do the job.

WALKOUT!

Chimp Caucus Exits Citizen's Council

APE CITY - In a dispute over a new Farm Town labor contract and the Southern resettlement policy, the entire Chimpanzee caucus walked out of this week's session of the Citizen's Council. Chimpanzee leader Claudius vowed that they would not return until they get assurances that both issues will be addressed fairly.

If the Chimpanzees refuse to return to the Council, it would spark a legal crisis. According to article IV of the constitution, the Citizen's Council can only called to order when delegates of all three species are present. However, only one member of each caucus has to attend for a session of the Council to be convened. Thus, the absence of an entire caucus effectively shuts down the Council.

The situation is so dire that the Lawgiver made a personal plea to Caesar XVI (the deposed Chimpanzee king now living in retirement) to ask Chimpanzee members of the Council to come back. Unfortunately, Caesar refused the request, stating that he is now just an ordinary citizen Ape with no political interests or power.

The only other option that the Lawgiver now has is to order General Proteus to have his troopers round up the truant Chimpanzees and force them to attend the next meeting of the Council in about two weeks. However, many see that as a very drastic measure which may create much more turmoil in this crisis.



A lone Gorilla stands in Council section abandoned by Chimps.

WHAT IS CLAUDIUS' GOAL?

APE CITY - The impasse in the Citizen's Council has many Simians wondering what does Chimpanzee leader Claudius hope to achieve. Not many see an endgame for his actions. While he may score a political victory in regard to the labor and resettlement issues, no one feels there is any long term gain for himself or his caucus. Some have speculated that his personal goal is to be the next Lawgiver. However, it is hard to imagine any Orangutan or Gorilla ever trusting him in that high position. Others surmise that he wants to restore the dominance of Chimpanzees in the Council. The Chimpanzee population still outnumbers both the Orangutan and Gorilla populations combined, but the constitution gives them only a one third say on the Council. It would take a new constitution to change that, which may be why Claudius has initiated a constitutional crisis. Still many think that he is just a power-hungry Ape who will do

anything to increase his own political influence.

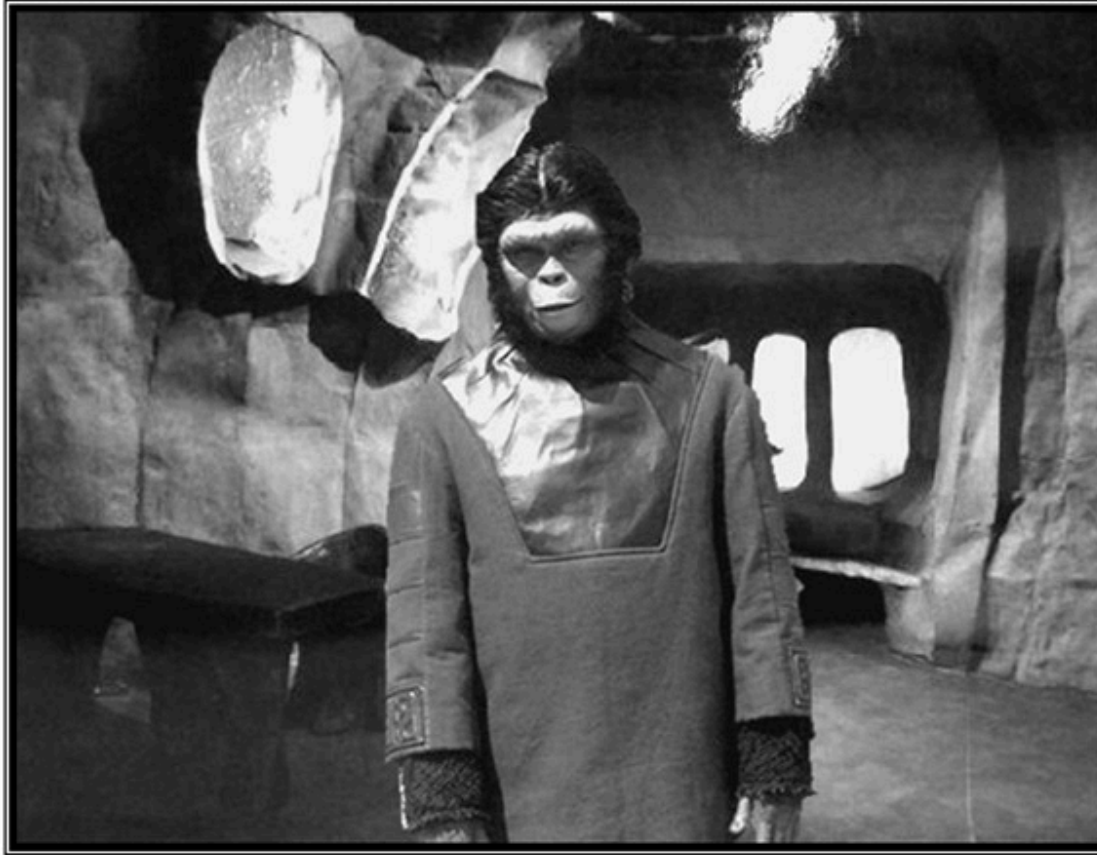
Some have started to question just who he is. The young Chimp appeared in Ape City about five years ago stating that he was a refugee from the South. He said his home village had been destroyed but no other refuge seems to have any memory of that village or of Claudius himself. Some have even asked that he produce his birth certificate as proof of his story, but Claudius has ignored these requests.

Human Raids Continuing

FARM TOWN - Despite the assurances of General Proteus to end human raids on the farms here, the looting of crops continue. The General has said the plan to seek and destroy the humans tribal encampments is progressing much slower than was expected. But, Proteus is still confident that the plan will eventually succeed.

CHIMPS REVOLT

First Major Skirmish In Farm Town **Claudius Reveals He Is Prince Caesar**



Prince Caesar in the guise of Chimp leader Claudius.

Missing Prince Hiding in Plain Sight

APE CITY - For the past 14 years authorities have been searching for Prince Caesar, who escaped house arrest with his father and brother after his father was deposed from power. For the last five years, the missing Prince has been right in front of them in the guise of Claudius, the head of the ACL labor union and, more recently, the leader of the Chimp caucus on the Council. Prince Caesar was only 17 when he went missing all those years ago; so it is not surprising that no one recognized him when he returned to Ape City as an adult. His story, that he was a refugee from the South, was believable and it was never suspected that a fugitive would take on such a public role in the city where he was wanted. After it was discovered that he had been hiding in the home of the human MacDonald family,

it was suspected that he was still living among human tribes. Army divisions assigned to hunting down those tribes had the special orders to bring the missing Prince back to Ape City as a prisoner. Now that he has revealed who he really is, his father and brother have once again been placed under house arrest.

ARMY RECALLED FROM WASTELANDS

SOUTHERN CITY - General Proteus has recalled the entire army in the Wastelands back to Ape City in the wake of the Chimpanzee revolt. He issued a statement, "At this time of crisis, restoring the route to the Western region and Central City is no longer a top priority. Hopefully, when the current situation is resolved the Army can return to the region to achieve this worthy goal".

FARM TOWN - What started as a disagreement over the Southern relocation plan and farm labor policies has broken out into a full scale civil war as civilian Chimpanzees and Ape Army forces clashed here.

Chimpanzee members of the Citizen's Council, with their families, have been hiding out in Farm Town since walking out of the Council 42 days ago in order to prevent the Council from legally going into session. The Chimps have stood fast in their protest, refusing to return to Ape City. In order to break the deadlock the Lawgiver, citing an ancient law requiring all Council members to report to the Council when a special session is called, had General Proteus send the Army to Farm Town to bring back the truant members. It was then that the hostilities broke out.

The Chimpanzees blocked the road entering Farm Town and did not allow the troopers to pass. Frustrated, the Gorillas began shooting. The Chimps returned their fire, using guns from the old human armory, and drove the Gorillas back.

After the skirmish, Claudius addressed his fellow Chimps and revealed his true identity: Prince Caesar. His followers cheered the disclosure. He told them that his goal is to restore the Caesar Dynasty to power in Ape City.

The revelation has sent shock waves through Ape City. Most of the Chimpanzee population has fled to Farm Town to join their species and rally to Prince Caesar's cause. Government officials have yet to comment on the news the Prince's return.

REBEL CHIMPS ATTACK APE CITY

Much Damage to Buildings

APE CITY - In their boldest move to date, the rebel Chimps have launched an all out attack on Ape City. Led by Prince Caesar (formally known as Claudius), the Chimps began their assault at dawn while most Apes were still in bed.

The rebels limited their attack to buildings rather than Apes. They burned structures that housed government offices and food storage facilities. These buildings were empty during the early hours of the morning. The rebels goal is to starve Ape City, since they have control of Farm Town, and to disrupt the government's ability to launch attacks on them.

The rebel Chimps also raided the campus of the National Academy. They seemed to be searching for something, but for what exactly is unknown.

The attack was a clear victory for the rebels. With the bulk of the Army still in the wastelands (*see sidebar*), they are taking bold action now in an attempt to force a surrender before the army can return to Ape City.

The attack destroyed much of the city's food supply so their tactics might just work. But, Dr. Zautius, the Minister of Farming, stated that increased imports from Simian villages in the North and South along with some rationing will prevent famine. The reliance on food imports has its own risks with increased raids by humans in the wild due to security forces being withdrawn from guarding the caravans to defend the city.



One of several buildings left burning after the Chimpanzee raid.

ARMY TRAPPED IN THE WASTELANDS

SOUTHERN CITY - The bulk of the Gorilla army has become trapped in the wastelands. They have been cut off by mutant tribes who have blocked a key mountain pass with the use of ancient explosives.

The Army was using the pass to avoid harassing attacks from mutants along the usual coastal route. These attacks have become a major nuisance since the Army began the trip back to Ape City to deal with the Chimpanzee rebellion.

It is now clear that the goal of the mutants was to lure the Army to use the mountain pass in order to spring their trap. Due to the complexity of this plan, it is suspected that the mutants are being assisted by human refugees who escaped from the Southern region.

Three full divisions made it through the pass before it was blocked. They are returning to Ape City, but the rest of the Army remains trapped.

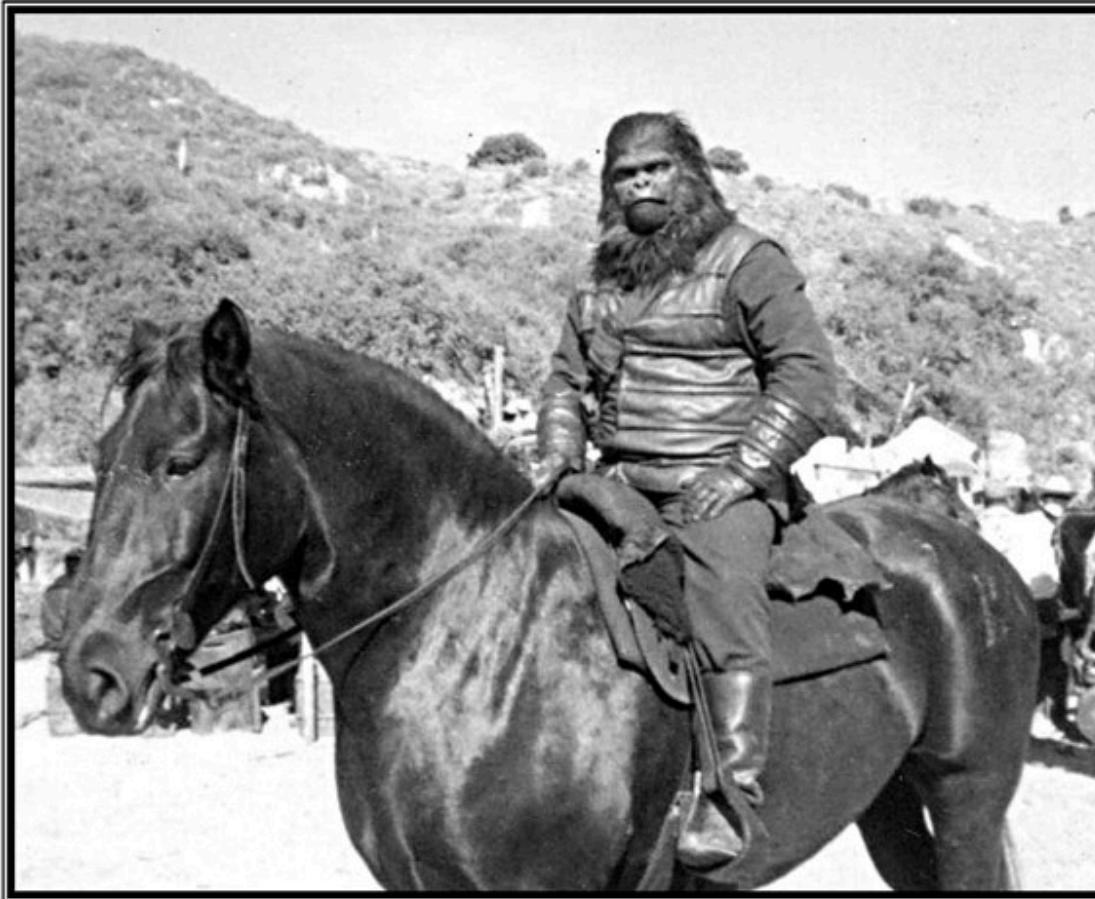
Lawgiver Declares Martial Law

APE CITY - In response to the attack by rebel Chimpanzees this week, the Lawgiver has declared martial law in Ape City. The constitution gives the Lawgiver this power in times of emergency. He can now act without seeking the approval of the Citizen's Council for his decisions to defend the city.

The Lawgiver has exercised these new powers already. He has ordered a sundown curfew for all Apes not a member of the police or army. He has also ordered that all Chimpanzees remaining in Ape City be placed under house arrest. It is expected that in the next few days additional measures will be taken to ensure the safety of the city including plan that will ration food until new supplies arrive.

In his statement, the Lawgiver said he regretted have to take such a drastic step but had no choice due to the severity of the current situation.

VICTORY IN FARM TOWN



Army forces invade the Rebel stronghold.

Lawgiver Hails Army Victory

APE CITY - The Lawgiver has praised the great victory of the Army over Chimpanzee rebels. In the statement released by his office, he states:

"We hail both the courage and patriotism of our Gorilla Army in defeating the forces of evil who sought to tear our great Simian civilization apart. They have all earned a special place in heaven for they are soldiers of God."

The Lawgiver has also said that a special day of celebration will take place in two weeks to honor General Proteus and his troops. As soon as the Citizen's Council can be reconvened, the Lawgiver plans to have them award Proteus a new glyph as a reward for defeating the rebels. The Lawgiver also announced that since the rebellion is over, steps can be taken to return

Ape City to normalcy. Already the dusk curfew has been lifted. In the next few weeks the house arrest of Chimpanzees in Ape City will be lifted, as soon as they all sign loyalty oaths, and food rationing will end. The Lawgiver declined to give an exact timeline for these, and for the end of martial law, but promised a quick transition.

CONTACT LOST WITH TRAPPED ARMY UNITS

SOUTHERN CITY - There has been no contact with the Army units still trapped by mutants in the wastelands. They had been using the old reflector network and reported daily attacks by mutant tribes.

The last of these reports was over a week ago. All attempts to restore contact has failed and now the worst is feared.

Rebel Leaders On The Run

APE CITY - The Gorilla Army achieved a great victory this week invading Farm Town and completely defeating the rebel Chimpanzees there. The leader of the rebellion, Prince Caesar, and his chief lieutenants are on the run after escaping Farm Town when it was clear that their forces would be defeated. General Proteus personally led the troops as they invaded the rebel stronghold. He was in command of three divisions that escaped the wastelands two months ago. They arrived in Ape City ten days ago but their presence was kept secret in order to achieve maximum surprise for the invasion.

The dawn attack was directed at the weakest point of Farm Town's defenses. Units of the police security forces had been conducting raids for weeks to test these defenses. It was thanks to these raids that the General was able to determine the optimal point of attack.

His plan was a success and the Army broke through the rebel's defensive line within two hours after the first shot was fired. Soon Gorilla troops began to pour into Farm Town, killing and capturing scores of rebel Chimps.

Once defeat was inevitable, Prince Caesar and other rebel leaders fled into the jungle. Some entered the Forbidden Zone to escape capture. Proteus vows to hunt them down to stand trial for their now failed attempt at rebellion.

PRINCE CAESAR FOUND & KILLED

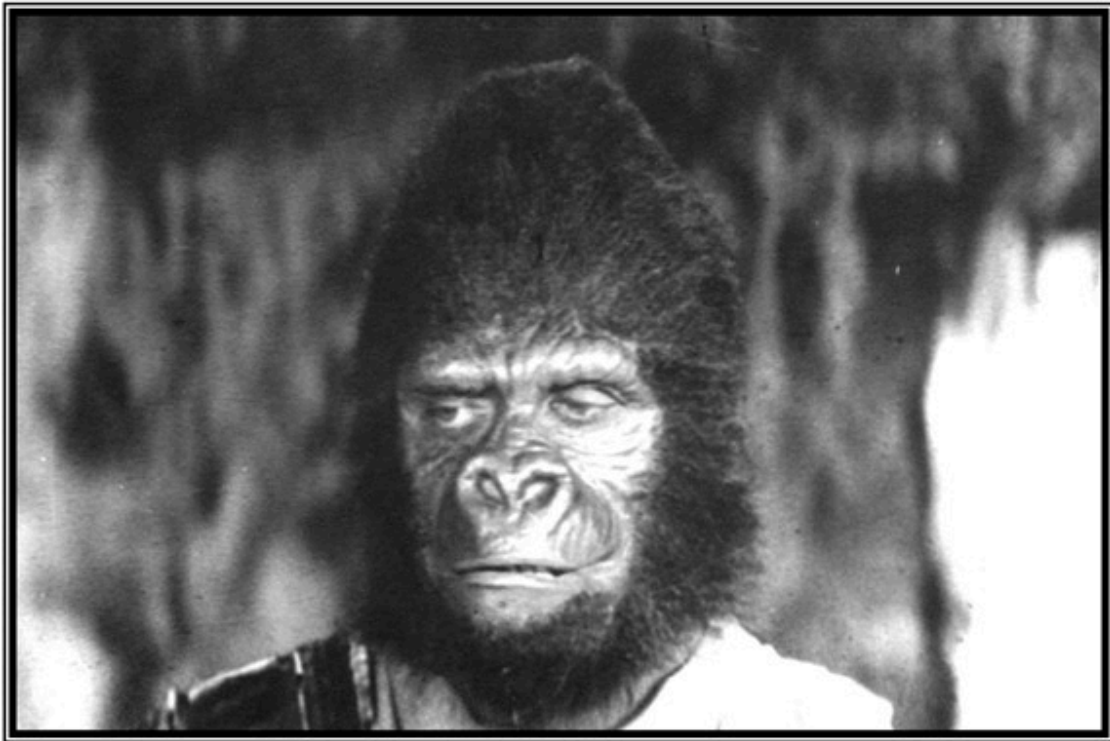
Rebel Prince Shot Attempting To Flee

APE CITY - An Army patrol found the camp of Chimpanzee rebel leaders and shot Prince Caesar while he was attempting to escape. The rebel Chimp did not survive.

The search for the rebel leaders has been ongoing for the last three months, since their defeat in Farm Town. Prince Caesar and his inner circle fled Farm Town when it was clear their forces could not hold back the Gorilla Army.

General Proteus ordered for an immediate search of the jungles in the surrounding area. When those searches failed to find the rebel Chimps, the search area was greatly expanded. At first, it was presumed that the rebels were hiding with human tribes as the Prince had done in the past. But that presumption was soon proved false.

The search then moved inland, searching to the north, south and west. It was a search patrol in the west that found the rebel encampment high in the hills over 70 miles from Ape City and 20 miles from the nearest



Sergeant Francus, the trooper who shot the Prince Caesar.

Simian Village.

A patrol saw smoke from a fire early one morning and chose to investigate. It took them most of the day to climb the hill, but when they got to the camp all hell broke loose.

The rebels began to scatter and fired at troopers. The troopers returned fire at the fleeing Chimps. Sergeant Francus shot and killed a Chimpanzee who was later identified as Prince Caesar. The other rebel Chimps were soon rounded up. They will be brought back to Ape City to stand trial for treason.

Human Tribes Avoid Capture

FARM TOWN - Police and Army patrols have become frustrated in their attempts to catch the human tribes that have raided farms and many food caravans in recent years.

What makes their capture very difficult is that the humans don't camp in a single place for long. They have become a bit nomadic, moving from place to place. When they do make a temporary camp it is close to the Forbidden Zone. So when the police do discover one; the humans disperse into the Zone where the police can't follow.

Now that the Chimpanzee rebel leaders have been found, more troops will be available to search for and destroy the tribes that are raiding our crops. It is hoped that this can be done quickly before the number of humans increase, making them a pestilence on Simian society.

LAWGIVER ANNOUNCES QUOTA SYSTEM

APE CITY - The Citizen's Council met this week, for the first time since the Chimpanzee rebellion. The Lawgiver announced a new series of revisions to the constitution including a quota system.

The quota system restricts the number of Chimpanzees that will be allowed admission to the National Academy, serve on the Citizen's Council, own farmland and enter certain professions.

Dr. Milo, a Chimpanzee who stayed loyal during the rebellion and an honored fellow at the Academy, has questioned the wisdom of these restrictions, stating that make would Chimpanzees second class citizens which could lead to another rebellion.

Despite Dr. Milo's concerns the Council voted overwhelmingly to pass all of the Lawgiver's changes to the constitution.

GANG OF 6 HANGED FOR HIGH TREASON

APE CITY - The Chimpanzee lieutenants of the late Prince Caesar were all executed this week. The so-called 'Gang of Six' were convicted of high treason by a special tribunal of the National Academy over a year ago for their participation in the Chimpanzee rebellion.

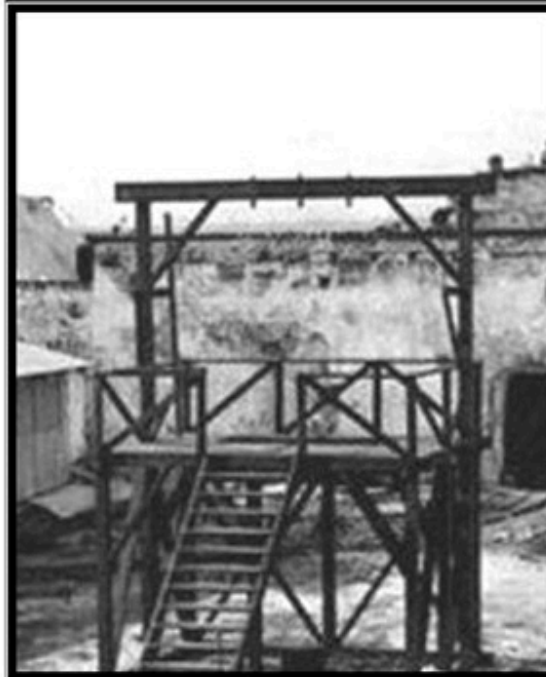
Having exhausted all of their appeals and pleas for clemency, the execution was carried out at dawn on Sunday when most of Ape City was still asleep. But despite the very early hour, a small crowd of Gorillas and Orangutans gathered to witness the event. No Chimpanzees were in attendance.

The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Honorius of the Academy. He read out the charges and the sentence of the tribunal. Then the condemned Chimpanzees were led up the scaffold, built for the occasion, three at a time. The Gorilla troopers bound their hands, placed hoods over their heads and affixed the nooses.

When Dr. Honorius gave the signal two levers were pulled by two of the troopers. One lever was real, the other a fake. This was done so no one would know who really executed the Chimps, thus neither Gorilla could be accused of violating our highest law. After the first three were executed, the next three were lead up the scaffold and the actions were repeated.

After all six were declared dead, their bodies were given over to their families for burial. No public funeral is planned for any of them.

The executions end one of the darkest chapters in the entire history of our civilization.



Scaffold built for the execution.

TERRORIST BOMB KILLS FOUR

FARM TOWN - A bomb set off by human terrorists killed four Chimpanzee farm workers this week. Officials said the bomb is a reaction to increased security for the crops here.

Raids on farms by human tribes had been a continuing problem for several years. Many methods to end these raids were tried, including hunting the humans' jungle lairs, but all failed.

Last year the Citizens' Council approved new plan proposed by General Proteus. So far that plan has been a huge success and the raids dropped by over 80%. Thus, it was thought that the problem had been solved. However, it seems the humans are not about to give up. After the bomb exploded, most farm workers and security guards rushed to aid those hurt in the blast. While they were dealing with the emergency, several farms were raided.

How the bomb was planted is still unknown.

Army Abandons The Wastelands

SOUTHERN CITY - The Ape Army has officially abandoned the Wastelands. The area has been declared too dangerous and off limits to all Simians.

Re-establishing the route to the Western territories has long been a top priority for the Army. Abandoning the mission now is an admission of failure.

General Proteus sent the order last week after a vote by the Citizens' Council demanded that the Army retreat due to their total lack of progress over the last two years. Ten Army divisions have been assigned to Southern City to provide much needed security here and all throughout the region. The rest of the Army has been ordered to return to Ape City to assist in the hunt for the terrorists who bombed Farm Town this week.

The Army has made several attempts to restore the western route for well over a decade. The first attempt was making progress when the Army was recalled to deal with the human civil war. The next attempt, made several years, later got bogged down and was finally abandoned due to the Chimp rebellion. Unfortunately, many divisions were trapped and slaughtered in the Wastelands at that time.

This latest attempt made even less progress which is why the Council voted to cancel the mission. The Western region, including Central City, is now completely cut off us, possibly forever.

HUMAN TERRORISTS BOMB CITY CENTER

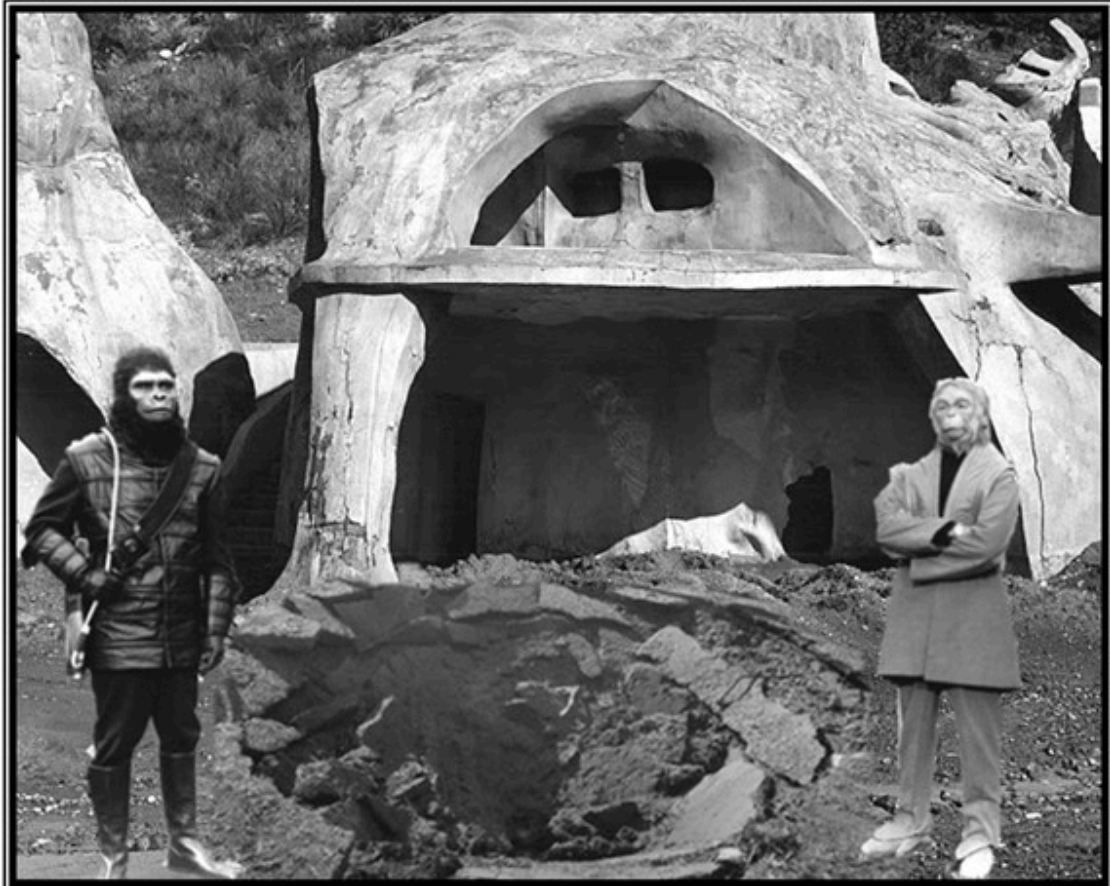
Over Twenty Apes Killed In The Blast

APE CITY - Human terrorists exploded a bomb in the middle of Ape City this week killing over twenty Apes and injuring many more. The bomb was set off at midday to maximize the casualties. How the bomb was smuggled in to the center of the city is still not known.

It was a beautiful, sunny day with many Apes out shopping or just talking a stroll to enjoy the city. The peacefulness of the day was shattered shortly after 1PM when the bomb went off. Soon there was panic and chaos as stunned Apes ran for their lives away from the blast area. Most of the injured Apes still lay where they fell crying out for help.

Police and emergency medical personnel arrived quickly on the scene trying to help the many wounded Apes and sort out what had happened. One Chimpanzee doctor commented that "if there was ever a hell on earth, this was it". Bodies lay strewn all around the crater left by the bomb, some living and some not. It was impossible to tell them apart, blood and body parts were everywhere.

The police cordoned off the area and only allowed medical personnel to enter or leave. Many Apes who rushed to the area to find their loved ones were blocked from entering so that the doctors and nurses could do their jobs. After hours of heroic work, many injured Apes were saved and brought to the city hospital to recover. The hospital was on full alert



Lawgiver and bodyguard inspect the bomb crater.

and treated over 100 Simians with wounds ranging from cuts and bruises to more serious life threatening injuries.

By nightfall all bodies of the living and dead had been cleared from the blast area. The police forensic team then moved in to start investigating the incident. So far all they have determined is that the bomb was constructed from some unknown material.

The day after the bombing a statement was posted on a tree near Farm Town from human terrorists taking responsibility for the bomb and promising more attacks if humans' former rights are not restored by the Citizen's Council.

The Lawgiver, while touring the bomb sight, responded that Apes will not give in to any terrorists' demands. He also promised that these humans will be hunted down and made to pay for their crimes.

Army Mobilizing To Fight Threat

APE CITY - General Proteus is mobilizing the Gorilla Army to deal with the human terrorist threat. Several reserve units have been called into service and the General has asked to Citizen's Council to reinstate the military draft.

Many have praised Proteus for his quick action but there are some who blame the General for allowing the terrorists to attack Ape City. Several bombs have been set off in Farm Town over the last few years by human terrorists but this one is the first to explode in Ape City. It is felt that Proteus was lax in his response to those acts of terror since only poor Chimp farmers were the victims.

The General contends that he has always taken the threat from the terrorists seriously.

HUMAN SUICIDE BOMBER KILLS 50

LIVING WITH A HUMAN TRIBE

(Editor's Note: In light of the recent terrorist attack, we have decided to present this account by our reporter, Decius, of his time living with a human tribe earlier than planned. We hope that it will provide some insight into this threat to Simiankind. We do not mean any disrespect to the families of those who were injured or killed in the latest attack.)

APE CITY - For three months I lived with one of the several human tribes that inhabit the jungles surrounding Ape City. It was not just any human tribe but the one led by the former Lawgiver, MacDonald and his daughter Mary.

I began this journey roaming the wilderness for weeks until several humans captured me and brought me to their camp, hidden in deep the mountains. I spent the next two days tied up in a hut waiting. That was the most fearful two days of my life. I wondered if would they kill me and eat my flesh as their distant ancestors did. Or would they torture me for fun. But I had let my fears got the better of my and I was never harmed by the humans.

On the third day I was taken to another hut where I met their leader, or chief as he was called, MacDonald. With him was his daughter, Mary, who I had not seen since she was a teenager, but has now grown into a young adult. I told them that I was a supporter of Prince Caesar and a fugitive from Ape City. They accepted my story and I was allowed to stay with the tribe. There were other



Reporter Decius who spent 3 months living with humans.

Chimps living as part of their tribe, all fugitives from the Chimpanzee rebellion. They embraced me as one of them.

As part of the Chimp faction of the tribe I was put to work gathering nuts and berries and other food in the jungle. While it was nice to be with other Apes, I wanted to spend more time with the humans to try to understand them. Luckily, Mary MacDonald took a liking to me and I dined many nights with her and her father.

MacDonald seemed strong for a human of his age. The years living in the jungle hardened him. He often spoke how he regretted that Apes and humans had become so divided over the last twenty years after centuries of peace. He said he had a deep respect for Caesar, the former King. He was also concerned about the future of humanity. Humans and mutos were now mating freely and their babies were much less intelligent. He worried that the longer humans were forced to live in the wild, the more primitive and savage they would become.

New Terrorist Tactic Rocks Ape City

APE CITY - In a horrific act, a human walked into the main square of the city and blew up himself and fifty innocent Apes. After months without a terrorist attack, thanks to the efforts of General Proteus and his security forces, the humans has devised this new chilling tactic.

General Proteus said that since the program he initiated last year prevented all terrorist bombs from being smuggled into the city, the humans have become so desperate that they have to sacrifice one of their own to kill Apes. He promised new security measures to stop any future attacks but many fear that may be impossible if the humans are so determined.

I asked him about the terrorist bombings and the raids on crop & food caravans. He said he didn't approve of them and that if humans ever hope to again live in peace with Apes, these actions must end. He did not allow members of his tribe to take such actions but there were many other human tribes. One mystery that many in the tribe often whispered about, but never spoke of openly or in public, was that every few weeks MacDonald would leave the tribe for a day or two. No one seemed to know where he went or what he did. I tried to follow him early one morning but he disappeared in the jungle and I had to return to the tribe. After three months living with this tribe, I snuck out of my hut one night and was able to find my way back to Ape City.

THREE HUMAN SUICIDE BOMBERS ATTACK APE CITY

Human Liberation Front Takes Responsibility

APE CITY - The city was attacked this week by three more human suicide bombers killing over 120 Apes. Once again, the terrorist group the Human Liberation Front, or HLF, claimed responsibility. As in the past, their statement was nailed to a tree on the road from Farm Town to Ape City. These new attacks make for a total of 214 suicide bombings since the first over two years ago. The terrorists have stepped up their campaign in recent months by exploding multiple bombs in a single week.

After two years the HLF is still a mystery to officials. While they have issued a long list of demands, including restoration of full rights for humans, little is known about them. The big question is why so many young humans are willing to blow themselves up just to murder a few dozen Apes.

The Army has intensified the search for the terrorist camp in the jungles surrounding Ape City and Farm Town. The few human tribes they found were unconnected to the HLF and the bombings. For security all



Crowd at the memorial service for this week's terrorist victims.

those human encampments were destroyed. Several Army divisions have been recalled from the Southern region. These units will join the search when they arrive next month. The Lawgiver and his wife, Lady Myka, both officiated at a memorial service held in the city square for those murdered in this week's attacks. In his speech the Lawgiver asked for calm from all citizens. He said that as Simians had we have endured many hardships over the centuries. As before, we survive and triumph because Apes are God's chosen.

Proteus Promises To End The Bombings

APE CITY - Commander of the Army, General Proteus, has vowed to put a final end to the human terrorist bombings. In a statement to the Citizen's Council, Proteus says that he is committing the full resources of the Simian armed forces to the destruction of the HLF.

To this end, the General has recalled several divisions from the South to join in the hunt for the humans. Those divisions are expected to arrive in the next month. Until then it is up to the Ape City Police and the Army to secure the city from further bombings and find the terrorist base.

General Proteus said that, "The Army will show no mercy when they are found. They will be eradicated like the vermin that they are." Simian rights groups issued a statement in response, stating the terrorists should be put on trial for their crimes as an example to others.

LUCIUS REPORTS CAESAR MISSING

APE CITY - The son of the former king, Lucius, reported that his father was missing. In his statement to the police, Lucius said that Caesar had left their home five days earlier and had failed to return. While the deposed sovereign has many times taken long walks in the wilderness lasting a day or two, Lucius became concerned when his father had still not returned home after four days. On the fifth day, he decided to report Caesar's disappearance to the police.

The police are conducting a search of the area around Ape City. They have also notified the Army units searching for the HLF base to be on the lookout for an elderly Chimpanzee travelling alone.

The Lawgiver, who deposed the former king, declined to comment.

HUMAN TERRORISTS KIDNAP LADY MYKA

The Lawgiver is Distraught

APE CITY - Human Terrorists claiming to be members of the HLF abducted the Lawgiver's wife, Lady Myka, as she was returning from a tour of nearby Simian villages. The terrorists have yet to issue any demands for her release.

The Lawgiver is devastated by the kidnapping but issued a statement pleading for the safe return of Lady Myka. He has not been seen in public since and is reported to be resting at home under a Doctor's care.

Human terrorists have been quiet in recent months. Their bombing campaign has been thwarted thanks to new security measures put in place by the Army. While many hoped they had finally given up, some Apes expected them to change their tactics. None suspected an act as desperate as kidnapping the Lawgiver's wife.

The daylight raid on Lady Myka's caravan was a bold move. The caravan consisted of two carriages, for Lady Myka and her staff, and one wagon for a security detail of twelve Gorilla's. According to Lt. Atius, commander of the squad, the humans waited until the caravan had stopped for rest near a small brook. While most of the Gorillas were watering their horses, the humans came out of the thicket. Over twenty surrounded the Lady's carriage. Two humans knocked out the driver and took over the Lady's carriage, driving it on to a small path just off the main road. Several Gorillas pursued



**The Lawgiver makes a plea for
the life of his beloved wife.**

the kidnappers into the hills while the remaining troopers were attacked by the terrorists still on the scene. The Troopers killed eight of the humans. The rest escaped back into the thicket. Some of the surviving Gorillas joined the chase. The rest of soldiers and the caravan returned to Ape City to report the incident.

General Proteus has taken over full command of the search personally and is promising the safe return of Lady Myka.

Investigation of Caesar's Disappearance is Closed

APE CITY - Police officials have closed the investigation of the 8 day disappearance of the former King last year. After months of questioning over 20 witnesses, the authorities have concluded that there is nothing to dispute Caesar's claim that he was communing with nature and lost track of time.

Caesar was reported missing by his son, Lucius, after he had not been home for over five days. Caesar returned there safe three days later.

ARMY TRACKS THE TERRORISTS INTO FORBIDDEN ZONE

FARM TOWN - Soldiers have pursued the terrorists behind the kidnapping of Lady Myka into the Forbidden Zone and engaged in a short battle with the terrorists in an underground cavern. Several Gorillas were killed and those who reported back believe that many of the terrorists were killed as well. General Proteus has requested that the Citizen's Council give the Army special permission to enter the Zone to rescue Lady Myka. The Council is likely to grant is request.

The Army's scout units have been put in charge of tracking the terrorists. These units have become experts in the tracking of human tribes these last few years. The brave Gorillas that serve in these units have been key in locating many human encampments, leading to their destruction by the Army with the scattered survivors being driven further into the jungle. One unit had even located the hidden camp of the tribe led by MacDonald but that location was found abandoned when the Army moved against it.

After the kidnapping of Lady Myka, the scout units began a search of known human hide-outs. One squad found wagon tracks, consistent with those on the Lady Myka's carriage, heading east into the Forbidden Zone. Soon after several of the troopers who initially pursued the kidnappers met up with this squad and reported their battle in the Forbidden Zone.

ARMY TO ENTER FORBIDDEN ZONE



Colonel Marcus arrives from Southern City with additional troops.

APE CITY - The Gorilla Army is making final preparations to enter the Forbidden Zone and hunt for the human terrorists who kidnapped the Lawgiver's wife, Lady Mika, last week. In a unanimous vote earlier this week, the Citizen's Council gave their permission for the Army incursion into the Zone. It conclusively determined that the men who kidnapped Lady Myka fled into the Forbidden Zone. Her rescue is the Army's top priority. The leader of this terrorist group is said to be the son of Orly, the muto leader executed for treason several years ago.

As we went to press, Colonel Marcus arrived from Southern City with several additional Army divisions that will assist in the operation. Commander of the Army, General Proteus said that the quick arrival of Colonel Marcus and his troops will allow for his plan to be

launched ahead of schedule. Exactly when and where the Army will enter the Zone is still a top military secret, but Proteus promised that it will be very soon. He feels that a quick action is needed to ensure that the life of Lady Myka is saved. Despite the secrecy, several reporters from 'The Ape' will be embedded with the troops to give our readers a first hand account of the operation.

Lawgiver Fears For Wife's Life

APE CITY - The Lawgiver has been not seen in public since he made a plea to the terrorists who kidnapped his wife last week. After making that public statement the Lawgiver retired to his family home on the hill above Ape City, receiving only a few very close friends.

Those who have talked to him say the Lawgiver deeply fears for the life of Lady Myka. He thinks that the terrorists will kill her if they fear they that they will be captured. The Lawgiver said the terrorists are no better than animals and should be treated as such.

General Proteus has promised the Lawgiver that he will do everything possible ensure to the safe return of Lady Myka. While the elderly Orangutan has full faith in the General and his troops; he feels they can't control the actions of irrational humans who have been totally unpredictable so far.

For now, the Lawgiver must wait and hope that the life of his beloved wife will be saved.

LUCIUS AND FRIEND ARE MISSING

APE CITY - According to the police, Lucius, son of the deposed king Caesar, and a female Gorilla friend, Elta, have been missing for several days. The police have had both Caesar and his son under surveillance since the suspicious disappearance of Caesar last fall.

The investigation into that incident was only recently closed, but the police have maintained surveillance of the Chimpanzee father and son at the request of the Lawgiver. He is still does not trust the former king or his younger son due to the failed insurrection that was lead by Caesar's eldest son seven years ago.

Despite the constant surveillance, Lucius was able to slip out of the house he shares with his father unnoticed four days ago. Two days later the parents of Elta reported her missing. They told the police that she was last seen with Lucius the night he disappeared.

INVASION!

Army Enters Forbidden Zone



Gorilla troopers march into the Forbidden Zone to rescue the Lawgiver's wife.

APE CITY - General Proteus led the bulk of the Ape Army into the Forbidden Zone this week in an effort to save the life of Lady Myka, who was kidnapped by human terrorists. These terrorists fled into the Zone with their hostage three weeks ago to evade capture.

This invasion by the Army is the first official incursion into the Forbidden Zone since an expedition (to what was then called then 'Forbidden City') was led by Virgil and the very first Caesar 675 years ago. The objectives of that expedition have been lost to history. All that is known about it is that it led to the "Battle of Ape City", when the human mutants then living in the Zone attacked the first Ape City. The exact site of the 'Forbidden City' is now a mystery. The big question is if there are human mutants still living in the Zone.

The goal of Proteus and his troopers is not to solve these

mysteries but rather to rescue the Lawgiver's wife. The 20 divisions he commands will search every corner of the Zone until she is found and the human scum that kidnapped her are brought to justice. The General expects that the search should take no longer than two to three weeks.

Five divisions, commanded by Colonel Marcus, remain behind on the border to the Zone. They will guard it in case the humans try to flee back to Ape territory.

CAESAR QUESTIONED ABOUT MISSING SON

APE CITY - The deposed king, Caesar, has been questioned by Police about the disappearance of his son Lucius and a female Gorilla, Elta. The two have been missing for two weeks and Police have no information as to their whereabouts.

The questioning resulted in no new leads and the elderly Chimp was sent home.

Lawgiver Holding Lone, Silent Vigil

APE CITY - As the Ape Army marches into the Forbidden Zone to save the life of his wife; the Lawgiver remains in his modest home, secluded and silent. Allowing visits from only a few close friends, the reverend Orangutan sits alone in solitary vigil for his beloved. Those Apes who have seen the Lawgiver during these trying times report that he spends most of the day locked in his study. When he is asked what he is doing in there, he says that he is trying to complete his final gift to Simiankind before his death. What this gift is, he won't reveal.

His closest friends and advisors say that the kidnapping of his wife has made the Lawgiver aware of his own mortality, possibly the motivation for him to bury himself in this project.

LADY MYKA IS RESCUED

Tells Harrowing Tale of Her Ordeal

APE CITY - Lady Myka has been rescued and returned home to the loving arms of the Lawgiver by a squad of Gorilla Troopers. The Gorillas were a specially trained Army unit that was tasked with bringing the Lady home alive.

This unit rescued Lady Myka from the underground lair of a colony of mutant humans who held her captive for the last several weeks. While the squad headed straight back to Ape City after freeing the Lady; General Proteus and the bulk of the Ape Army stayed in the Forbidden Zone with the intent of invading the underground city in force.

During the journey back to Ape City Lady Myka gave details of her ordeal. After she was taken by the human terrorist Orly, he took her to his tribe's secret camp near the border of the Zone. Because they were still being pursued by Troopers, Orly ordered that their camp be abandoned. He decided to take Myka into the Forbidden Zone with three of his lieutenants. Orly ordered the rest of his tribe to scatter into the hills.

Soon after entering the Zone they hid out in a cave. This cave led to a large underground cavern. The Troopers followed them and were soon engaged in a fire fight with her captors. All of the humans were killed and the Gorillas who survived fled to the surface. Before she could follow the Troopers, Myka was captured by human mutants who live beneath the Zone.

She was brought before a group of five mutants who ruled this subterranean city. Their leader was a human named Mendez. She was questioned for many hours. They all seemed very

concerned that their city had been discovered.

While they said she was their guest, even holding her in an apartment rather than a jail cell; it soon became clear that she was a prisoner and they were deciding what to do with her.

After waiting many days she was joined in her captivity by Lucius, a female Gorilla named Elta and a human female, Mary MacDonald. They had tracked her kidnappers underground and had tried to plea with the mutants to free all of them. But the mutants decided to keep them as prisoners.

They were visited everyday by the daughter of Mendez, Alma. She was fascinated with the world on the surface. Alma and Mary MacDonald were able to very quickly strike up a close friendship. Soon Mary was able to convince Alma to help them all escape.

Late one night, Alma sent the guards away and entered their apartment. She had planned out an escape route through the caves. As they made their way, the mutants detected the Ape Army entering the Forbidden Zone and went on high alert. Security guards stationed at all exits to the surface blocked their escape. It was then that the Gorilla unit tasked with Lady Myka's rescue attacked. In the confusion of battle she was separated from the others but the Troopers found the Lady and brought her home.



One of the mutant humans living in the Forbidden Zone.

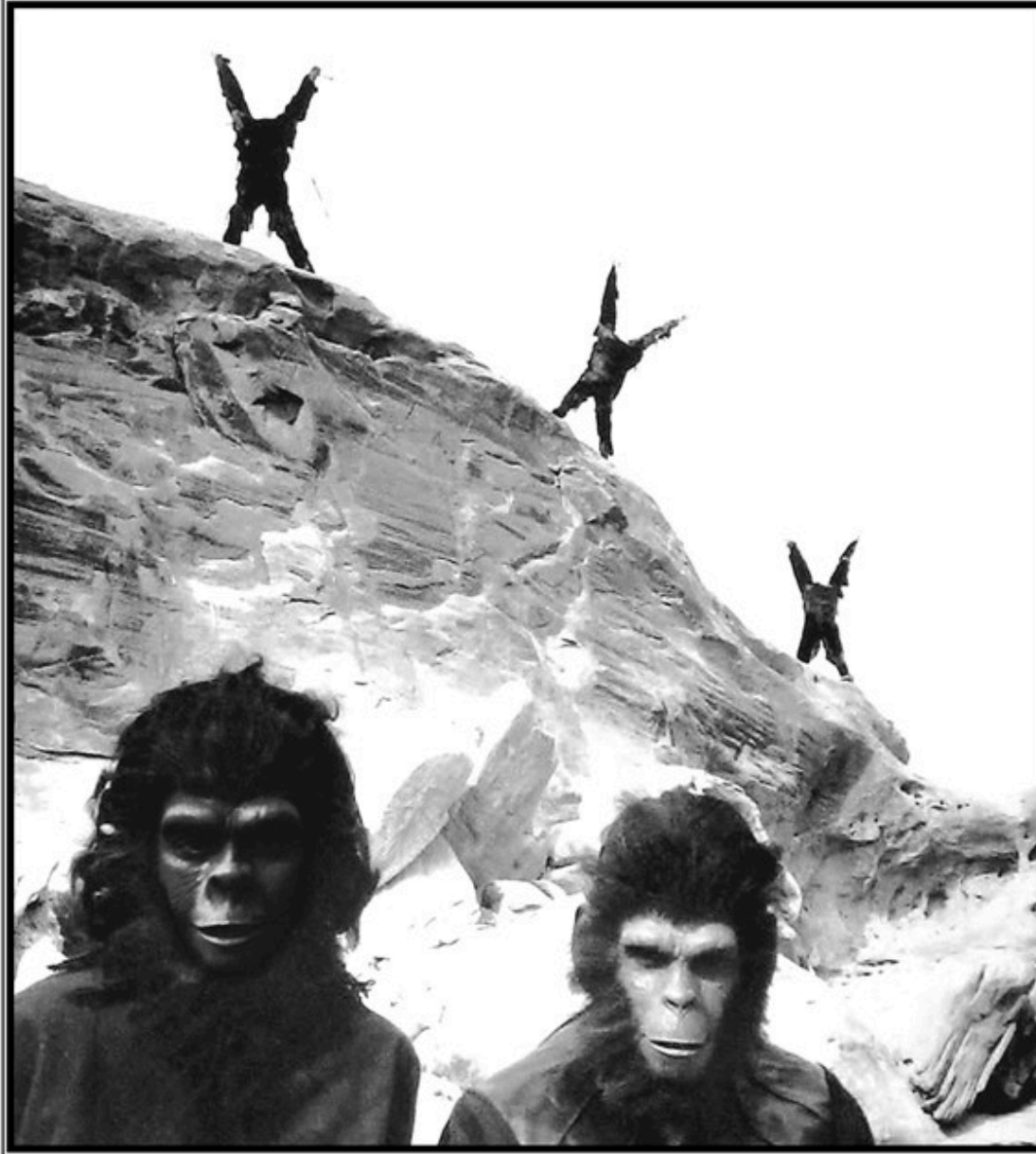
MACDONALD AND CAESAR ARRESTED

APE CITY - An Army division patrolling the border of the Forbidden Zone arrested the deposed king Caesar and the human leader MacDonald. The two were found meeting at the edge of the Zone.

They told the Soldiers who found them that they were searching for their missing children in the forest and ran into each other by accident. However, when questioned separately their stories did not match up.

When the two were returned to Ape City it was revealed that Police monitoring Caesar and his son had recorded several other meetings between the Chimpanzee and human over the last few months. Caesar was indicted and charged with treason. MacDonald has been charged with acts against Simiankind.

UNKNOWN WEAPON DESTROYS THE ARMY



Elta with Lucius as they entered the Forbidden Zone.

Lucius Still Missing, Presumed Dead

APE CITY - One of the few survivors of the tragedy in the Forbidden Zone was the female Gorilla Elta, a lifelong friend of former prince Lucius. She was reported missing with Lucius several weeks ago.

Elta told authorities that after the kidnapping of Lady Myka; Lucius and Mary MacDonald decided to follow the humans who had kidnapped her and try to persuade them to release the Lady. They feared the Army would attack human tribes if the Lady was not returned. The two formulated the plan when they accompanied their fathers on one of their secret meetings.

Elta insisted on going with Lucius and Mary despite their objections. Once in the Zone they found the underground passage but were quickly taken prisoner by the mutants.

After the mutant Alma freed them and Lady Myka rescued by a squad of Gorillas; Lucius, Mary, Elta and Alma followed the fleeing mutants, using what Alma called a railway car, down the old tunnels. But when the mutants fired their weapon, Elta was thrown from the car. She thinks the blast may have diverted the car into another tunnel but the Troopers who rescued her found no trace of it.

APE CITY - The bulk of the Ape Army was destroyed, and General Proteus killed, by an unknown mutant weapon. Only a few units survived and their officers tell a horrifying tale.

After the successful rescue of Lady Myka, General Proteus decided to invade the mutant's underground city where she was held captive. While many Army officers objected, they were overruled by Proteus who decided to teach the mutants a lesson.

Once Myka was safely on her way back to Ape City, Proteus led his troops underground to face the enemy. According to survivors, the mutants had fled their lair. A search of the ruins found that they had abandoned their homes for a new location through ancient underground tunnels. At this point several officers again recommended a return to the surface, but the General decided not to let the mutants escape and follow them down the old tunnels.

After a full day in pursuit, the Ape Army finally caught up with the fleeing enemy. It was then that the mutants unleashed their weapon. The one survivor who saw the weapon described it as a long tube with a fins and a funnel at the end. It lay on what looked like a long wagon bed. As the Army was about to attack a massive explosion of flame erupted from the funnel. The tunnel was filled with fire, engulfing the Army.

When the flames died down the mutants were gone. The few Ape survivors, most of them wounded, made their way out of the tunnel and back up to the surface.

MEMORIAL HELD FOR OUR FALLEN HEROES

APE CITY - The Lawgiver led a special memorial service in memory of the troopers killed in last month's raid of the underground nest of human mutants in the Forbidden Zone. The service, held in the city's amphitheater, was attended by every Ape in the city and many from surrounding villages.

After the Lawgiver led those assembled in prayer, he gave a speech thanking the fallen and the survivors for the rescue of his beloved wife. Lady Myka did not attend the service. She was resting at home, still very shaken from her experience.

Following the Lawgiver, the heads of the Orangutan, Gorilla and Chimpanzee caucuses of the Citizen's Council spoke. Each paid tribute to the dead soldiers. Especially touching were the remarks by Atilius, Leader of the Gorilla caucus, who's brother, Major Otho, was killed when the mutants unleashed their weapon.

Several of the Army survivors spoke next. Many of them were wounded but still insisted on attending the service despite their injuries. They told very personal stories about their fallen comrades and about the horror of the mutant weapon. One trooper said it was from the bowls of hell itself.

The last group of speakers were family members of the dead who told tales of their loved ones. The final speaker of this group was young Lieutenant Ursus, the adopted son of the late General Proteus, who told the crowd about the Proteus they never knew. The private Ape who took in two orphans



One of the survivors who spoke at the memorial service.

out of the kindness of his heart. Ursus also spoke of the human vermin who caused his father's death, ending his speech by shouting out, 'The only good human is a dead human'.

The service was concluded with a candlelight procession to the Ape City cemetery where a special monument to the fallen heroes will be erected.

Marcus Named Commander of Simian Army

APE CITY - Colonel Marcus has been promoted to the rank of General and named the new Commander of the Ape Army, replacing the deceased General Proteus. There was little doubt that Marcus would be given command by the Council. He is the most experienced officer in the Army and all the divisions under his command survived the mutant attack last month.

General Marcus' first orders were to send for additional troops from Southern City to help garrison Ape City. He also sent special forces squads into the Forbidden Zone to try to determine to where the mutants escaped. So far these squads have reported that the mutants abandoned their underground lair, which is described as the ruins of an ancient city. They also recovered the bodies of many dead Gorillas for proper burial and those of several mutants for examination by National Academy scientists. Unfortunately, the tunnel in which the mutants fled has completely collapsed.

CAESAR AND MACDONALD GUILTY

APE CITY - A special tribunal of the National Academy has found both Caesar, the former king, and the human MacDonald guilty of the all charges against them. Both have been sentenced to death.

Caesar was charged with treason. MacDonald charged with crimes against Simiankind. These charges stemmed from secret, illicit meetings between the two over the course of many years. The Apes on the tribunal were not convinced that these meetings were just two old friends staying in touch, but rather they believed the theory of the prosecution that the two were plotting a return to power.

Both their children disappeared in the Forbidden Zone last month.

LADY MYKA DIES

Lawgiver Mourns, Blames Humans

CITIZEN'S COUNCIL ORDERS ROUND-UP OF HUMAN TRIBES

APE CITY - The Citizen's Council has voted to order the Army to round-up the human tribes that have been raiding our farms and food caravans. It is hoped that this new strategy will be the final solution to the plague on our society humans have become over the years.

The previous strategy of trying to drive the humans from the jungles surrounding Ape City has proven totally ineffective. Since these tribes are nomadic they would just move to a new encampment a few miles away whenever the Army drove them from their old one. They would then begin their raids again from their new hideouts.

The vote in the Council was almost unanimous. The Gorilla and Orangutan caucuses all voted in favor. Only the Chimp caucus was split with some making the argument that the



Human female captured in the first sweep by the Army.

plan was too ill defined as to what should be done with all the captured humans. However, their division did not prevent the measure from passing.

The Army has already started to implement the new plan and have rounded up many of the tribal humans.

Dr. Milo Speculates About Mutants

APE CITY - Dr. Milo has become the National Academy's leading expert on human mutants over the past 20 years. He has travelled deep into the wastelands in the south and west to observe them. He recently interviewed troopers who survived the Army tragedy in the Forbidden Zone last year and examined the recovered remains of the mutants that lived Zone to learn more about them.

According to the learned Chimpanzee, those mutants are unlike any he has encountered before. Most of the mutants in the wastelands are very primitive. However, it appears that these mutants were highly intelligent with a sophisticated society. While the mutants in the wastelands live in the wilds and ruins of ancient cities, they stayed on the surface to scavenge for food. The Forbidden Zone mutants lived exclusively underground, rarely venturing out of their deep underground catacombs.

Of course the biggest mystery about these mutants is where they fled to when they abandoned their underground lair. Unfortunately, that is a mystery that even Dr. Milo can't solve. The tunnel they used to escape collapsed; so there is no way to track them. They may have moved 5000 miles or only 5 miles away.

APE CITY - The Lawgiver's beloved wife, Lady Myka, died quietly in her sleep this week. The Lady's health had been poor since her kidnapping by humans last year. Her doctors said that ordeal was not the cause of her death, but may have been a contributing factor. The autopsy revealed that she had a massive coronary while she slept and died as a result. While she did not have a history of heart disease, it is believed that the stress of the kidnapping and subsequent imprisonment by the underground mutants put a strain on her heart.

The Lawgiver issued a brief statement saying, "My best friend, my closest confidant and my partner in life has been taken from me. While I know that she is in heaven waiting for me, I cannot help but hold responsible the vile humans who victimized her last year. If not for them she would not have been taken from me so soon, too soon".

Funeral plans have already been made and a week long period of mourning declared. There will be a two day private wake followed by two days of public viewing in the city's amphitheater. The funeral will take place on the fifth day and be open to all. She will be laid to rest in a tomb built specially for her and her husband in the Ape City cemetery.

Messages of condolences have been pouring from towns and villages across the Simian world since the news of her death was announced. The Council has already voted high honors for the Lady.

Lady Myka had no children, but is survived by a niece.

LAWGIVER PRESENTS SCROLLS TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY

APE CITY - The Lawgiver has submitted a new set of legal, historical and religious scrolls, written by him over the last several years, to the National Academy. The scrolls contain a code of Simian conduct, a new set of governing laws, articles of faith and a full history of the accomplishments of our civilization to date.

The Academy is reviewing these scrolls in order to issue a report to the Citizen's Council. However, there are already members of the Council urging for full adoption of the scrolls. General Marcus said during this week's session, "It is the holy duty of every Ape on the Council to vote to support the ratification of these sacred scrolls written by our beloved Lawgiver, the wisest Ape who ever lived".

Several passages of the scrolls have leaked out despite being kept secret by the Academy. One of the passages from the articles of faith section says: "The Almighty created the Ape in his own image; He gave him a soul and a mind; He set him apart from the beasts of the jungle and made him the lord of the planet."

Another passage pays tribute to the late General Proteus, a very close friend and ally of the Lawgiver, recounting his defeat of the human Orly: "Proteus brought the upright beast into the garden and chained him to a tree and the children did make sport of him."

However, some of the scrolls are said to be controversial and may be kept secret from the masses. Rumor has it are that it was the Lawgiver himself who



Lawgiver holds up a page of the scrolls he sent to the Academy.

recommended that certain scrolls not be released to the general public. However, that rumor has not been confirmed. Some Chimpanzee critics, who have read the scrolls, say that they depict a flawed version of history. They say that the scrolls not only minimize the contributions of the Caesar the Great and his successors but that they demonize the entire human race.

The writing of the scrolls was a labor of love by our Lawgiver, taking over ten years for him to complete. He says that these scrolls are his final legacy to Simian civilization.

Council Denies Army Request To Reopen The Route To West

APE CITY - The Citizen's Council has rejected a request by the Army to attempt to reopen the route to the Western territories and Central City. The vote was divided in the Council with the Orangutan and Chimpanzee caucuses both voting against the request and the Gorilla caucus voting in favor of it.

Those who voted no said the Army should continue to focus on rebuilding itself from the disaster in the Forbidden Zone little over a year ago. They said the Army still hasn't recovered from that incident and is not ready to mount such a large operation in the wastelands.

All contact with Central City and the Western provinces was lost for over 20 years due to attacks from wild mutant tribes in the wastelands. Several Army operations to reopen the route all failed.

CAESAR AND MACDONALD HANGED

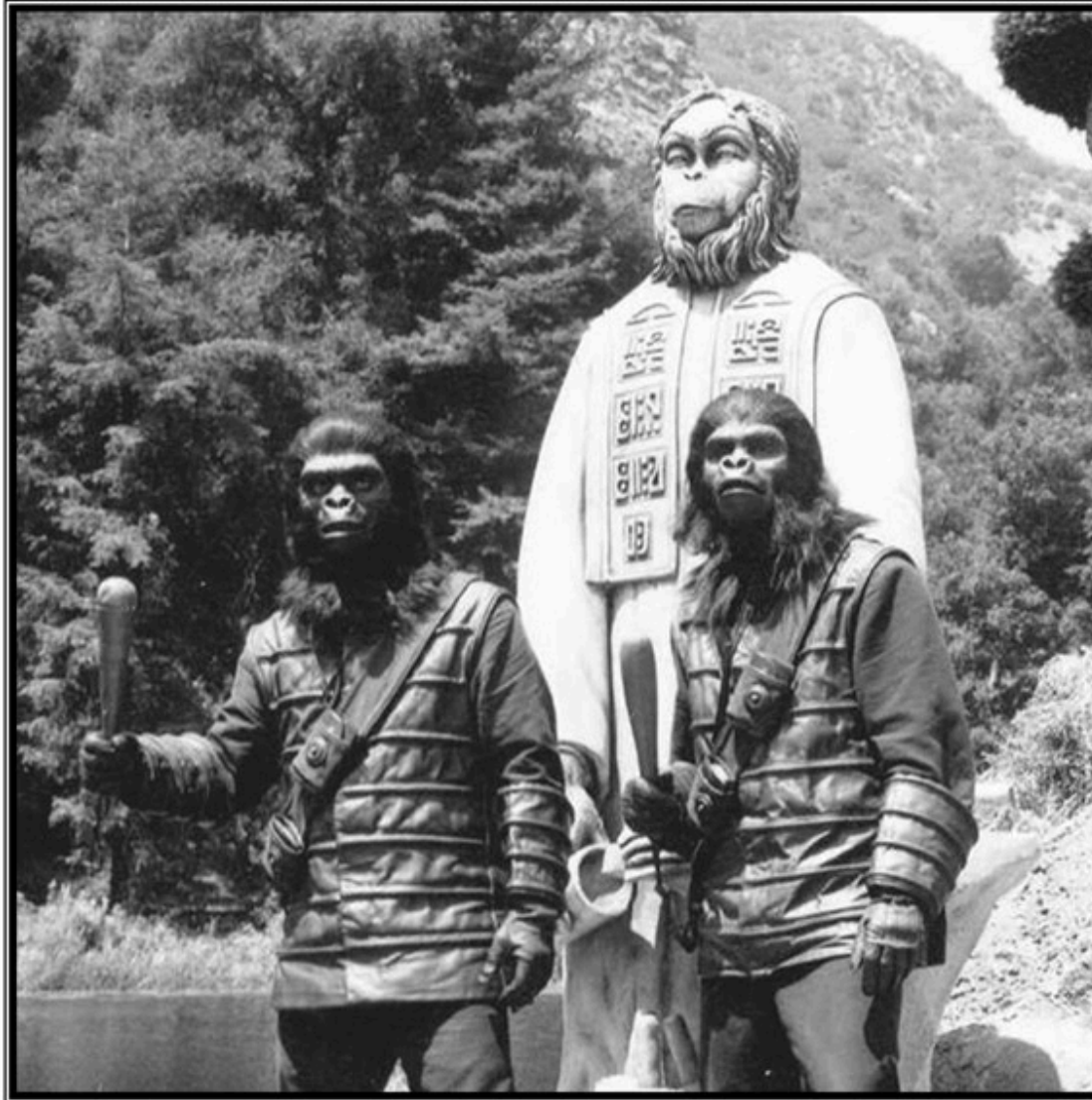
APE CITY - After exhausting all of their legal appeals and pleas for clemency, Caesar, the deposed king, and MacDonald, the Chimp's human confederate, were hanged this week for treason and crimes against Simian civilization. Their final appeal was to the Lawgiver himself, but he would not hear their plea.

The two were found plotting together on the edge of the Forbidden Zone on the day the bulk of the Army was destroyed. They were convicted of conspiring to use the tragedy to try to seize power and restore Caesar to the throne. They maintained their innocence of these charges right up to their execution.

Both MacDonald's daughter Mary and Caesar's son youngest Lucius are presumed to have died with the Army in the Forbidden Zone. Their remains have never been recovered.

Caesar is survived by a grandson sired by his deceased eldest son.

CITIZEN'S COUNCIL HONORS LAWGIVER



Police guard statue of the Lawgiver before the dedication ceremony.

Dr. Milo's Expedition Cancelled

APE CITY - The Academy has cancelled Dr. Milo's planned expedition into the Forbidden Zone. The cancellation was due to the Council's ratification of the Lawgiver's scrolls which pronounces the whole region deadly.

Dr. Milo was unavailable to comment but his protégé Dr. Quinctius, also a Chimpanzee, stated Dr. Milo is disappointed since the future security of our society may be at stake. He also said Dr. Milo is planning on appealing the Academy's decision.

The original goal of Dr. Milo's expedition was to determine to where the underground human mutants fled after they used an

unknown weapon to destroy most of the Army two years ago. Because the tunnel the mutants used for their escape collapsed, surviving army units were unable to follow them at that time.

Dr. Milo's expedition hoped to discover if the mutants had merely relocated elsewhere in the Forbidden Zone or if they had completely abandoned the area. Marcus, the commander of the army, supported Dr. Milo and committed several units to the expedition's for its security. However, General Marcus is also an outspoken supporter of the Lawgiver's scrolls; so it is unknown if he will endorse Dr. Milo's appeal.

Ratifies Scrolls & Erects Statue

APE CITY - In a unanimous vote the Citizen's Council has ratified the scrolls presented by the Lawgiver to the National Academy last fall. What are now being called the "Sacred Scrolls" by some are now the official history, religion and laws of Simian civilization.

After a thorough review by the Academy, the text of the scrolls were submitted to the Council last month for ratification. In spite of rumors of sections that are being kept secret, there was minimal debate by members of the Council. Most statements made in session were to thank the Lawgiver for his gift of the scrolls to Apekind.

In addition to ratifying the scrolls, the Council voted to erect a statue in the Lawgiver's honor. A special ceremony to dedicate the statue was held four days later. All the citizen's of Ape City attended it. The Lawgiver himself was unable to be there due to poor health.

STUDY SHOWS HUMANS GETTING DUMBER

APE CITY - A study released by the National Academy this week claims that humans are losing there intelligence. The study says the effects of living in the wild and mating with Mutos is causing severe mental in deterioration humans.

These results are based on tests conducted on humans captured over the past two years. If their mental degeneration continues, humans may one day even lose the ability to speak.

THE LAWGIVER DIES IN SLEEP

Ape City Mourns Fallen Leader

APE CITY - The Lawgiver passed peacefully in is sleep this week after an illness that lasted many months. The news of the elder Orangutan's death passed through Ape City like a shock wave. Both children and adults wept in the streets upon hearing the sad news.

The Citizen's Council voted to declare a month of mourning as well as new honors to the late Lawgiver. General Marcus has introduced an amendment to the constitution to abolish the office of Lawgiver forever. The Gorilla leader said, "There can never be another Lawgiver or Ape as great as him. The title and office should die with him too". This amendment would transfer most of the Lawgiver's administrative powers to the National Academy and the rest to the Citizen's Council. It is expected to pass unanimously as a last homage to a fallen leader beloved by so many. The Lawgiver's body will lie in state at the National Academy until his funeral next week.

STUDENTS DESTROY CAESAR STATUE

APE CITY - Several Academy students, distraught over the death of the Lawgiver, have vandalized and destroyed the statue of Caesar the Great.

When questioned by police they stated that they did it to honor the memory of the Ape who freed us from the tyranny of the Caesars.

There are no plans to restore the statue.



The Lawgiver lies in state at the National Academy.

The Ape And His Legacy

APE CITY - The oldest son of a poor family of rural Orangutans, the Lawgiver rose to be the greatest Ape of all history.

Born in a small village in the Northern territories, he was given the name Haristas by his humble parents. When he was five, his father moved the family to Ape City to expand his merchant business.

At 25 years old, Haristas took an interest in politics and was elected to the Citizen's Council. Despite only a basic education, the young Haristas rose very quickly within the ranks of the Orangutan caucus becoming the whip of the caucus shortly after his 30th birthday.

After his father died, many expected Haristas to leave the Council to run the family business; but he preferred politics and sold the business, becoming very rich in the process.

It was about this time that he began courting the lovely Myka. She would be the love of his life and they ultimately married. It was not long after the wedding that Haristas became the Deputy-leader of the Orangutan caucus. Then began the years of waiting. After more than 15 years, Haristas was passed over twice for Lawgiver by the tyrant Caesar XVI. He finally rose to the office when the despotic Chimp was overthrown by the public.

As Lawgiver, he has guided and protected us through a tumultuous period in our history. His legacy is the survival of our society and his wise teachings in the Sacred Scrolls, may they guide us forever.